
Notices of Rulemaking Intent

TITLE 777. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

[OAR Docket #25-709]

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

777:1-1-4. Organization [AMENDED]

777:1-1-7. Procedures for declaratory rulings [AMENDED]

777:1-1-9. Individual proceedings [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The intent of these rule changes are to fulfill the requirements of the Board under the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S.Supp.2023, §§ 3-130–3-167. These permanent rules ensure that the rule language refers to the Statewide Charter School Board. The permanent rules also amend language to include charter schools along with virtual charter schools to be reflective of the broadened authority delegated to the Board by the Legislature in 2023.

AUTHORITY:

Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board; 70 O.S.Supp.2024, § 3-132.1(I)(5)

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments will be accepted from the date of publication of this notice in the Oklahoma Register through November 17, 2025, by email to info@scsb.ok.gov or my mail to the Statewide Charter School Board, M.C. Connors Bldg., Attn: Skyler H. Lusnia, Rulemaking Liaison, 2501 N. Lincoln Blvd. Ste. 301, Oklahoma City OK 73105.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., at the Oklahoma History Center, Classroom B, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City OK 73105, to provide an opportunity for persons to orally present their views related to the proposed permanent rules. Each person will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to speak and must sign in at the door by 1:15 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts, if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to the SCSB at the contact information listed below during the comment period from the date of publication to November 17, 2025.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained by corresponding to the SCSB using the contact information below or by visiting the Statewide Charter School Board website, <https://oklahoma.gov/scsb/resources.html>. A written request may be mailed to the Statewide Charter School Board, M.C. Connors Bldg., 2501 N Lincoln Blvd., Ste. 301, Oklahoma City OK 73105.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review on or before October 30, 2025. A copy of the rule impact statement will be available online at <https://oklahoma.gov/scsb/resources.html>, or may be requested via email at info@SCSB.ok.gov.

CONTACT PERSON:

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TITLE 777. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD CHAPTER 10. STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS AND STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

[OAR Docket #25-729]

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

777:10-1-2. Definitions [AMENDED]

777:10-1-3. School establishment requirements [AMENDED]

777:10-1-4. Educational Management Organizations [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Charter School and Virtual Charter School Sponsorship

777:10-3-3. Applications to sponsor charter schools and virtual charter schools; renewal and termination of contracts for sponsorship of charter schools and virtual charter schools [AMENDED]

777:10-3-4. Oversight and evaluation of charter schools and virtual charter schools by the Statewide Charter School Board [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The intent of these rule changes are to fulfill the requirements of the Board under the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, 70 O.S.Supp.2024, §§ 3-130–3-167. These amendments to the permanent rules add clarifying language for governing boards regarding when Open Meeting Act compliance is required for governing boards of new school applicants, and require educational management organization contracts to be coterminous with the term of the charter contract. The proposed, amended permanent rules add, amend, and modify sponsorship cycles and timelines, application requirements, and adds a ready-to-open phase. The proposed, amended permanent rules add, amend, and modify the oversight and evaluation of charter schools and virtual charter schools by the SCSB including updates to the performance framework, adjustment of the overall score indexes weights, and adding required plans for improvement for underperforming schools. Additional changes were limited to format and spelling corrections.

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