

213 CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the structure and the operation of committees or subcommittees of the charter school board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the charter school board to designate charter school board committees or working groups when it is determined that a committee process facilitates the mission of the charter school board.
- B. The charter school board has determined that certain permanent standing committees, as described in this policy, do facilitate the operation of the charter school board and the charter school.
- C. A charter school board committee or working group will be formed by charter school board resolution which shall outline the duties and purpose of the committee or subcommittee.
- D. A committee or working group is advisory in nature and has only such authority as specified by the charter school board.
- E. The charter school board will receive reports or recommendations from a committee or working group for consideration. The charter school board, however, retains the right and has the duty to make all final decisions related to such reports or recommendations.
- F. The charter school board also may establish such ad hoc committees for specific purposes as it deems appropriate.
- G. The charter school board reserves the right to limit, create or abolish any standing or ad hoc committee as it deems appropriate.
- H. A committee of the charter school board shall not appoint a subcommittee of that working group without approval of the charter school board.

III. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- A. The charter school board hereby appoints the following standing working groups:
 - 1. Audit.
 - 2. Policy.
 - 3. Building and Grounds.

4. Negotiations Committee(s) for various employee groups.
- B. The charter school board will establish, by resolution, for each standing or ad hoc committee the number of members, the term and the charge or mission of each such committee.
- C. The charter school board chair shall appoint the members of each standing or ad hoc committee and designate the chair thereof.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. All meetings of committees or working groups shall be open to the public in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and notice shall be given as prescribed by law.
- B. A committee or working group shall act only within the guidelines and mission established for that committee or subcommittee by the charter school board.
- C. Actions of a committee or working group shall be by majority vote and be consistent with the governing rules of the charter school board.
- D. The committee or working group shall designate a secretary who will record the minutes of actions of the charter school board committee.
- E. The power of a committee or working group of the charter school board is advisory only and is limited to making recommendations to the charter school board.
- F. A committee or working group of the charter school board shall, when appropriate, clarify in any dealings with the public that its powers are only advisory to the charter school board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13D (Open Meeting Law)
Minn. Stat. § 124E.07 (Board of Directors)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 201 (Legal Status of the Charter School Board of Directors)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the Charter School Board – Governing Rules)
MSBA School Law Bulletin “C” (Minnesota’s Open Meeting Law)