

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2011

Agenda Item: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.28 Charter School Sponsorship

- Proposed Policy Change Approvals Required by Policy Other Approvals Monitoring
- Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:

This is an amendment to Board Policy, requiring action by the Board

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Mike López

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

The policy is being amended to comply with legislative changes to Minnesota Statutes Section 124.10.

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BOARD ACTION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
BOARD POLICY 3.28 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP
(FIRST READING)**

BACKGROUND

The language changes being proposed to Board Policy 3.28 are intended to bring the policy into compliance with changes made during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions to Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 3.28
Charter School Sponsorship

1 **3.28 Charter School Authorizers Sponsorship**

2 **Part 1. ~~Definitions. of Charter School.~~**

3 **Subpart A. Charter school.** A charter school is a public school established under
4 Minnesota ~~State~~ Statutes section 124D.10 as either a cooperative or a non-profit corporation.
5 Charter schools and their ~~sponsors~~ authorizers are subject to the requirements in Minnesota
6 ~~State~~ Statutes section 124D.10.

7 **Subpart B. Authorizers.** For purposes of this procedure, authorizer means a system college
8 or university, authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10, subdivision 3, and Board
9 Policy 3.28, and System Procedure 3.28.1 to serve as an authorizer of a charter school and
10 approved as an authorizer by the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education
11 (MDE).

12 **Part 2. Authorizer Sponsorship Responsibilities.**

13 To support, improve, and enhance elementary and secondary education in Minnesota, a ~~MnSCU~~
14 system college or university may serve as a charter school authorizer sponsor consistent with its
15 mission, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities policy and procedure, and Minnesota
16 Statutes section 124D.10. ~~Sponsoring~~ Authorizing institutions shall comply with all statutory
17 ~~sponsorship~~ requirements for authorizers and shall adhere to ~~sponsorship~~ standards established
18 for authorizers by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Children, Families, and
19 Learning (MDCFL).

20 **Part 3. Annual Report.**

21 The Chancellor shall report to the Board annually on the status of charter schools authorized
22 sponsorships by ~~MnSCU~~ system ~~colleges~~ and ~~universities~~, including terminations and
23 nonrenewals in the prior year.

24 **Part 4. Termination or Nonrenewal of Sponsorship Charter School Contract.**

25 A college or university may terminate or not renew a charter school contract in accordance with
26 Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. ~~For purposes of a~~ A college or university may terminate
27 ~~terminating~~ or non-renewing a charter school its sponsorship, for good cause. Good cause
28 includes, but is not limited to, a determination by the college or university that it is unable to
29 continue acting as authorizer sponsor because of administrative, programmatic, or financial
30 considerations of the college or university, or because of ~~continued~~ failure ~~or inability~~ of the
31 charter school to ~~comply with expected performance, budget, and administrative standards~~ meet
32 pupil performance requirements specified in the contract, failure to meet generally accepted
33 standards of fiscal management, or violations of law.

Date of Implementation:
Date of Adoption:
Date and Subject of Revision:

POLICY CONTENT FORMAT:
Single underlining represents proposed new language.
Strikeouts represent existing language proposed to be eliminated.