

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

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs

Date of Meeting: April 20, 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 ITEM
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 3.28 CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

1 **BACKGROUND**

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

8 Consultation for the policy was undertaken as follows:

- 9 • Reviewed by Academic & Student Affairs Policy Council – January 28, 2011
 - 10 • Reviewed at Academic and Student Affairs Leadership Council – March 1, April 5, 2011
 - 11 • Mailed out for review and comment – February 4, 2011
 - 12 • Reviewed at MSCF Meet and Confer – February 24, 2011
 - 13 • Reviewed at IFO Meet and Confer- February 11, 2011
 - 14 • Reviewed at MSUAASF Meet and Confer- February 18, 2011
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17 **RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION**

18 The Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the
19 following motion:
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22 **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

23 The Board of Trustees approves the amendments to Policy 3.28 Charter School Sponsorship.

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SECOND READING

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 Minnesota ~~State~~
4 Statutes section 124D.10 as either a cooperative or a non-profit corporation. Charter schools and their
5 ~~sponsors~~ authorizers are subject to the requirements in Minnesota ~~State~~ Statutes section 124D.10.

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

10 **Part 2. Authorizer Sponsorship Responsibilities.**

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

17 **Part 3. Annual Report.**

18 The Chancellor shall report to the Board annually on the status of charter schools authorized
19 sponsorships by ~~MaSCU system~~ Colleges and universities, including terminations and nonrenewals in
20 the prior year.

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

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

Date of Implementation:

Date of Adoption:

Date and Subject of Revision: