



A Letter from ASBCS

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Important Dates

- **August 3, 2018:** General Legislative Effective Date
- **September 10, 2018:** Next Regular Session [Board Meeting](#).
- **October 1, 2018 to January 15, 2019:** ADE [Alternative School Application Process for FY19.](#)

Open Meeting Law Changes Effective 8/3/2018.

HB 2065, which includes several changes to open meeting law takes effect on August 3, 2018. Therefore, any meeting minutes dated after August 3rd, will need to comply with the new criteria. If it is found that they do not, a Charter Holder's Operational Performance Dashboard will be marked accordingly.

Detailed information is available in the [fact sheet](#).

ASBCS Public Comment

Introducing the [Public Comment Forum](#)!

Through this forum, the charter community and other stakeholders have an opportunity to voice their position on a potential rule or policy and provide valuable information on how it may impact you and your community. Your feedback will assist the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board) and improve its services to the charter community.

Financial Performance Framework Subcommittee

During the 53rd Second Regular Legislative Session, the budget was passed with language requiring charters to meet the financial performance expectations set forth in the performance framework. This provision gave the Board the authority to take action against a charter it sponsors based on its Financial Performance Framework. The Board will therefore be required to conduct a public review process to design a financial framework and adopt rule and policy to which the Board can use for accountability purposes.

The Board has seated a Financial Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to review and update its Financial Performance Framework in light of this additional accountability. To assist the Subcommittee, the Board is requesting comments from stakeholders. Information submitted in response to the following questions will be considered by the Subcommittee.

Public Comment Opportunity on the Financial Performance Framework

Posting period: July 11, 2018—August 11, 2018

Please Provide Your Comments [Here](#).

Post Your Teacher Pay and Budget Information

New reporting requirements call for district and charter schools to report how much they spent on teacher pay raises and to show average salary increases, in both raw dollars and percentages, in a prominent place on their home page separate from the budget. This information must be posted by Aug. 3 when the legislation takes effect. The State Board for Charter Schools will be checking each school's compliance with this statutory provision.

Public Records Requests

Has your school received a records request to find out the amount of raises teachers will receive in the 18-19 school year? As publicly funded entities, charter schools are required to comply with Public Records Law. Want to learn more about public records law? Read this [pamphlet](#) authored by the Arizona Ombudsman's Office.