



A Letter from ASBCS

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Issue #2

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Important Dates

- **June 12, 2017:**
[Board Meeting Summary.](#)
- **June 16, 2017:**
[Amendment submissions due for August Board meeting.](#)
- **June 16, 2017:**
[Technical Review Panel](#) applications due.
- **June 23, 2017:**
[2018-2019 New Charter Applications](#) due.
- **August 14, 2017:**
Next Regular [Board Meeting.](#)

Revisions to the Amendment Process

During the Charter Board meeting on June 12th, the Board adopted revisions to processes with the simple objective to reduce unnecessary tasks and keep and develop meaningful Board practices.

1. The Executive Director may now approve the following requests:
 - ◇ Charter Holder Status (change in entity name only)
 - ◇ Decreasing the Charter's Grade Level Change
 - ◇ Instructional Days
 - ◇ Mission
 - ◇ Program of Instruction (not including those related to a dropout recovery or online program)
 - ◇ School Location
 - ◇ Procurement Laws Exception
 - ◇ USFRCS Exception
2. The Background Information Sheet and the Verification of Coursework/Degree (transcripts) are no longer required for Charter Holder Governance and Charter Representative Requests.
3. Academic Eligibility for Expansion Requests in FY 2018
 - ◇ The Board approved using the current eligibility criteria, which uses the FY 2017 school improvement designation, for expansion requests beginning July 1, 2017 until the Board receives state designations for the A-F state accountability letter grades and school improvement and is able to establish overall ratings under its Academic Performance Framework for FY 2017.
 - ◇ A charter holder that does not meet this current eligibility criteria may be eligible if they provide a letter from the Arizona Department of Education indicating that but for the freeze on the school improvement list in FY 2017, the charter would not have been identified for improvement.

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Call for Technical Review Panel Members

The Board is seeking reviewers for the New Charter Applications with experience in school leadership, finance and operations, charter management and local context. For more information, visit the [ASBCS website](#) or contact Rachel Hannah at 602-364-3087.

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