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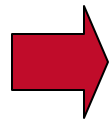
Rule Development for District School Board Exclusive Authority to Sponsor Charter Schools

Presentation to the State Board of Education
Miami, Florida
June 19, 2007

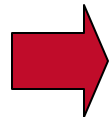
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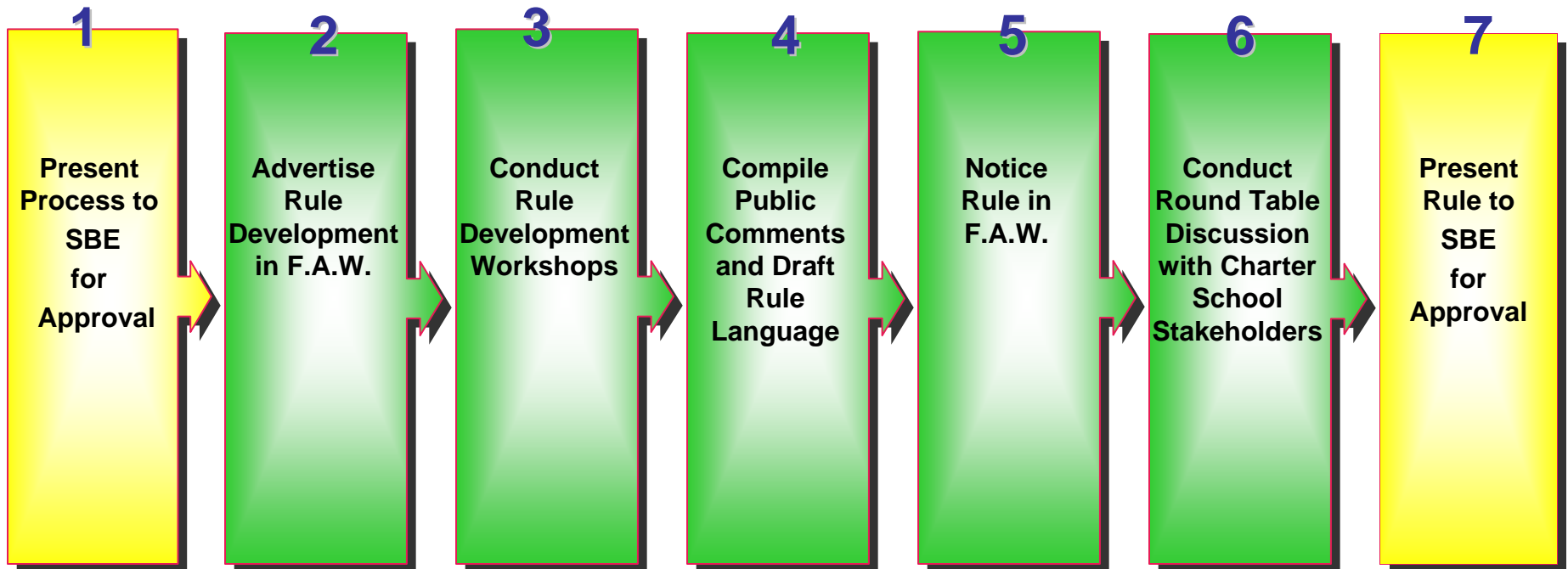
- **Creates the Florida Schools of Excellence (FSE) Commission**
- **FSE members appointed by the State Board of Education**
 - Appointments by September 1, 2006
 - First Commission meeting by October 1, 2006
- **Municipalities, universities, community colleges and regional educational consortia can apply to co-sponsor charter schools with the Commission**



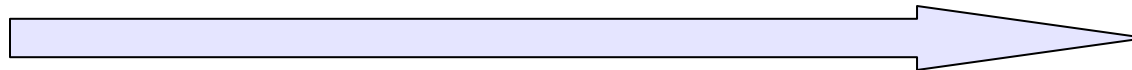
School districts can apply for “exclusive authority” to sponsor charter schools in their district



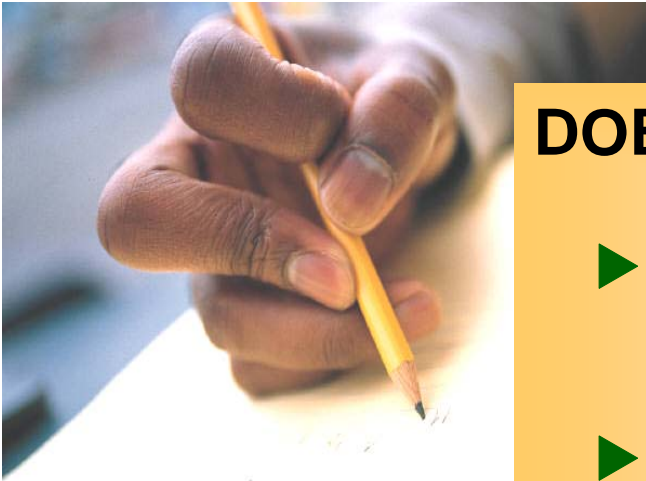
Provides rulemaking authority



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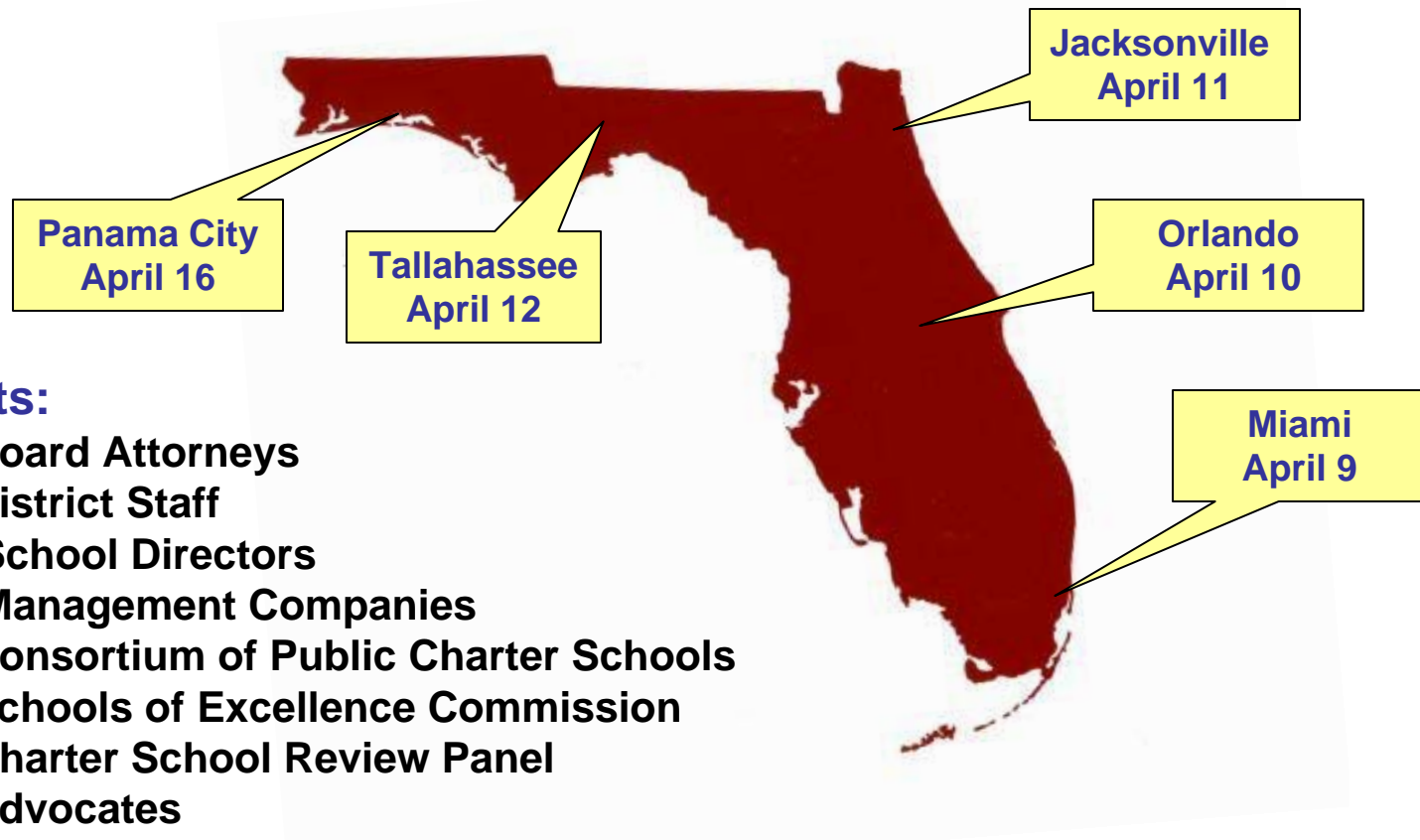
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DOE Commitment:

- ▶ **Rigorous, Transparent, and Comprehensive Process**
- ▶ **Inclusive of All Partners**
- ▶ **Ample and Fair Opportunities to Participate**
- ▶ **Regular Communications and Updates**

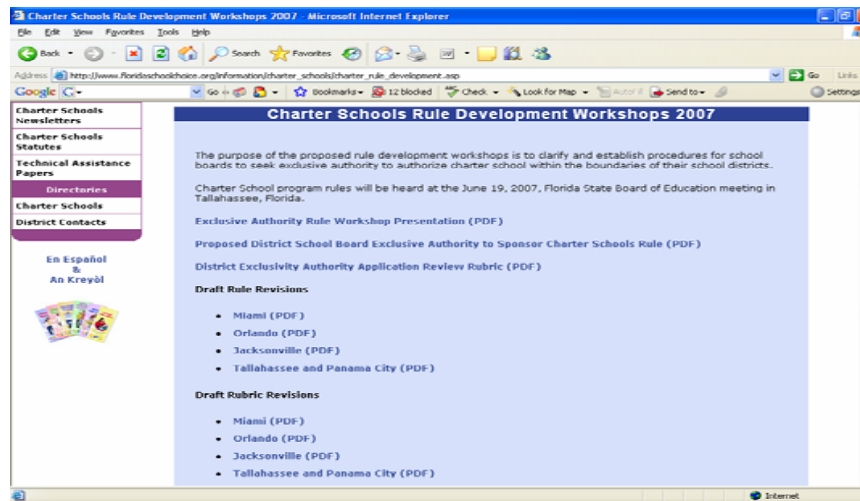
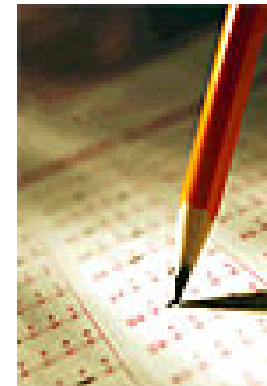
Five Rule Development Workshops



Participants:

- School Board Attorneys
- School District Staff
- Charter School Directors
- Charter Management Companies
- Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools
- Florida Schools of Excellence Commission
- Florida Charter School Review Panel
- Choice Advocates

- **Interactive Website for Public Comments**
- **Ongoing Email Communication**
- **Round Table Discussion with Stakeholders**




ISSUE	RESPONSE
Need clarification on district application requirements following rule approval.	<i>The deadline for submitting revisions to the initial application for exclusivity which was due March 1, 2007, will be within seven days of the effective date of the rule.</i>
Limiting a district application to 300 pages will not allow for all documentation to be included.	<i>The maximum number of pages for a district application was increased from 300 to 1,000; the number of pages for a charter school's response to the application was increased from 30 to 100.</i>
Allowing a district only 10 minutes of testimony at a public hearing and every charter school 10 minutes is inequitable.	<i>One representative from every charter school will be given five minutes each.</i>
Charter schools in which a district has applied for exclusive authority may provide written documentation prior to the SBE granting exclusive authority without district's knowledge.	<i>Charter schools are required to send copies of their response to a district's application to the school board on or before submission to the SBE.</i>
Review factors and the rubric are not clear.	<i>The review factors and rubric were revised and presented at the round table discussion in Orlando.</i>
A party challenging the granting of exclusive authority is limited to filing a notice to the SBE.	<i>A party challenging the granting of exclusive authority may also appear before the SBE</i>



Proposed SBE Rule 6A-6.0783

- **Clarifies timelines and requirements for districts to submit applications for exclusive authority**
- **Allows currently operating charter schools to provide written concerns or support to SBE**
- **Requires a public hearing before a district is granted exclusive authority**
- **Establishes the process for reviewing and evaluating district applications**
 - Commissioner shall appoint a review team
 - Incorporates a review rubric
- **Defines the period of exclusive authority**
- **Establishes appeal procedures**

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Notice Rule Development in the <i>Florida Administrative Weekly</i>	March 23
Conduct Five Rule Development Workshops	April 9 – 16
Compile Public Comments and Draft Rule Language	April – May
Notice Rule in the <i>Florida Administrative Weekly</i>	May 18
Conduct Round Table Discussion	June 5
 Present Rules to the State Board of Education for Approval	June 19
Send Guidance to School Districts and Schools	June 22
Deadline for Application Revisions (4 weeks)	July 20*
Deadline for Schools to Revise Comments Based on District Revisions (2 weeks)	August 3
Deadline for Review of Applications by DOE (5 weeks)	September 7
State Board of Education Hearing and Action (3 days)	September 18 – 20

*Projected date; the actual date will be determined by the effective date of the rule and subsequent dates adjusted.



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