

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed New Rule 6A-6.0784, Approval of Charter School Governance Training

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida law requires the governing bodies of charter schools to participate in governance training that has been approved by the Department of Education. The proposed rule establishes procedures for the approval of charter school governance training submitted to the Department by potential training providers. As a minimum, the topics that must be addressed include government in the sunshine, conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial responsibility. The rule will provide consistency to the instructional components, submission, review, and approval of charter school governance training.

A rule development workshop was held January 24, 2008, to receive public input regarding the approval of charter school governing board training. The Department did not receive any public input during the workshop. Draft language was subsequently e-mailed to charter school administrators, charter school district contacts, and other charter school partners. The proposed rule language addresses many comments and concerns raised by charter school stakeholders that are supported by current statutes, rules, or recognized training practices and procedures.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0784, Approval of Charter School Governance Training, Forms IEPC-9 and IEPC-10

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