

# CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Statute 1002.33 (6)(d)(1) states “A Charter Schools Appeal Commission is established to assist the Commissioner and the State Board of Education with a fair and impartial review of appeals by applicants whose charters have been denied or whose contracts have not been renewed by their sponsors.” The following worksheet, along with the Charter School Appeals Commission Guidelines is meant to assist with the examination process of an appeal and with determining whether or not the district school board denial of an appeal is WELL FOUNDED and BASED ON GOOD CAUSE.

A recommended Process for Examination of an appeal is to:

1. Review **charter school application**
2. Review **Written School Board Denial** to determine good cause as evidenced by charter school application and/or Charter School Statute
3. Review Applicant/Appellant’s **Notice of Appeal** in which Appellant must address EACH REASON for Denial in the **Written School Board Denial and School Board Staff Reports**
4. Review district school board’s **Arguments in Response to Notice of Appeal** as Appellee refutes the evidence provided by the Appellant and reiterates the specific reasons for the Appellee’s denial based upon good cause
5. Commission will, according to statute, render its “written recommendations to the State Board as to whether the appeal should be upheld or denied. A fact-based justification for the recommendation must be included.”











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**CONCLUSIONS AND WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION**

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The Charter School Appeals Commission must ultimately either deny or accept the district school board's decision not to approve the Applicant's charter school. However, the Commission may make additional recommendations as follows to the State Board of Education along with its final decision to deny or accept:

1. The Charter School Appeals Commission may accept the district school board's decision to deny, and may also make strong recommendations to the district school board that they work with the applicant to resolve substantive charter issues for the following application cycle.
2. The Charter School Appeals Commission may deny the district school board's decision not to approve, and may also make recommendations that the specific areas of district concern be worked out in the contract negotiations.

