

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
July 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Innovation Preparatory Charter School vs. The School Board of Broward County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Accept the recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission (CSAC) to deny the appeal of Innovation Preparatory Charter. This action upholds the denial of this application by the School Board of Broward County.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an appeal by Innovation Preparatory Charter of the decision of The School Board of Broward County to deny the charter application submitted by the applicant.

ISSUE

Whether the School Board had good cause to deny the charter application based on numerous deficiencies identified during the statutory review process and the applicant's failure to satisfy the requirements of Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

The School Board's determination must be based on good cause. The standard by which the State Board of Education is to review the School Board's decision is whether the School Board had competent substantial evidence to make that determination. The question, therefore, is whether the evidence upon which the School Board based its determination is sufficiently relevant and material that a reasonable mind would accept it as adequate to support the conclusion reached. If so, the School Board's decision must be upheld.

SCHOOL BOARD'S GROUNDS FOR DENIAL

The School Board of Broward County based its denial on fifty (50) deficiencies in the following eleven (11) sections of the application, which were determined to not meet the standards required by section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, and related administrative rules.

- Application failed to meet the requirements of the Educational Plan
 - Educational Plan
 - Curriculum Plan
 - Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation
 - Exceptional Student Education
 - English Language Learners
 - School Culture and Discipline
- Application failed to meet the requirements of the Organizational Plan
 - Management and Staffing

- Application failed to meet the requirements of the Business Plan
 - Transportation Service
 - School Safety and Security
 - Budget
 - Financial Management and Oversight

CSAC CONCLUSION

The Commission recommends that the State Board of Education find that the School Board does have competent substantial evidence to support its denial of the application based on the applicant's failure to meet the standards set forth in Florida law and rule for Transportation; School Safety and Security; Budget; Financial Management and Oversight; Management and Staffing; Educational Program and Design; Curriculum Plan; Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation; Exceptional Students; English Language Learners; and School Culture and Discipline.

CSAC RECOMMENDATION

The CSAC recommends upholding the decision of The School Board of Broward County by denying the appeal of Innovation Preparatory Charter.

Supporting Documentation Included: CSAC Recommendation, CSAC Hearing Transcript, Charter Appeal, Response from the School Board of Broward County, RSBM 051325 M-6 Item Clip.mov, School Board's Corrected Table of Contents, School Board's Corrected Appendix, SBBC Final Order - Termination of Employment, and EPC Final Order - Revocation of Educator's Certificate (under separate cover)

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