

These questions were asked and answered during the training session.

How often does a county board of education review the charter school?

County boards of education annually review the performance and progress of a charter school. A more substantive review of the charter school is conducted when the charter is eligible for renewal.

Is the public forum a meeting that the applicant hosts away from the county board of education, or is the public forum an open meeting held in front of the county board of education where the charter application is discussed?

This is an open meeting hosted by the county board of education. Notwithstanding, an applicant may host separate public forums for community members at their discretion. The purpose of the public forum hosted by the county board is to engage and provide information to the community about the proposed charter school.

Are applicants to detail how the charter school intends to meet standards set by the state in the goal-writing section of the charter application?

Applicants must include specific goals for the charter school and a plan detailing how it will meet those goals. For example, a charter applicant could include a goal of having 90% of its students obtain a diploma or GED within five years, accompanied by the school's plan for meeting this goal. The charter school's specific goals are in addition to the requirements that it administer the annual state assessment in grades 3-8 and grade 11, and that it participate in the state's accountability system.