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Policy

The purpose of the Missouri Charter Public School Commission is to sponsor high quality charter public schools throughout the state of Missouri. The qualifications, selection, and terms of office for Commissioners are defined in statute.

Officers

The Commission officers are Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Officers serve one year terms and are elected at the first meeting of each fiscal year.

The Chairperson may call a meeting of the Commission when he or she deems advisable and when three or more Commission members request a meeting.

Committees

Committees of the Commission may be established by the Chairperson or by a majority vote of the Commission. The Chairperson will appoint one commissioner to lead each committee. Committees may invite non-commissioners to the committees, based on subject matter expertise and experience.

New Commissioner Orientation

To orient and onboard new Commissioners, each new member shall be required to attend an orientation program designed to review the current work of the Commission. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to design such a program. The program is subject to approval by the chair.

Personnel

The executive director of the Commission shall be hired by the Commission and report to the Chairperson. The Executive Director shall hire any additional staff.

The staff shall be subject to personnel regulations and policies which are applicable to state employees in general, such as leave, compensation, classification, travel regulations, etc. The sole authority to appoint, terminate, and control staff shall remain with the Executive Director.

Conflict of Interest

The Missouri Charter Public School Commission (MCPSC) members and employees must follow all conflict of interest provisions in the Missouri Constitution, Missouri State Statutes and the Missouri Ethics Commission.

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As a charter school sponsor, MCPSC does not operate charter schools, but limits its functions to monitoring and oversight, to assure compliance with applicable laws, and supports the establishment and success of quality public charter schools. MCPSC shall not enter into the following types of contracts with schools it sponsors:

- Financial management, accounting or auditing
- Administration or management
- Professional development or training of providers of educational services

The sole purpose of MCPSC is to sponsor charter public schools in accordance with Missouri Statutes, MCPSC policy and national best practices that governs duties and responsibilities of charter school authorizers and sponsors. Contracts with sponsored schools will provide that the schools have the full extent of autonomy allowed to Missouri charter schools under the law, and that except as otherwise provided by the charter school contract or applicable law, the sponsor has no authority, control, power, administrative or financial responsibility over the sponsored charter school.

Furthermore, MCPSC must not condition granting or renewing a charter on: (1) the charter school being required to contract, lease, or purchase services from the sponsor; or (2) the bargaining unit status of school employees.