

Revision to Board Policies 0420.4, 0420.41, 0420.42, 0420.43 (Charter School Authorization, Oversight, Renewal, Revocation).

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## Agenda

- Policies as Foundation
- Questions and Clarifications

Note: All other slides in this presentation were presented on May 8. No changes have been made to them or the draft policies presented at that time.

### **Tonight's Goal:**

Adopt baseline policies that provide a foundation for all charter related work moving forward.



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### SCUSD CORE BELIEF

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

### SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

### Amanda Goldman Director II, Innovative Schools

My Core Belief: We accomplish the above by redesigning systems to allow for greater focus on kids and learning

## What is an Authorizer?

- Charter Schools are **authorized** by a district or county to operate with some degree of independence from the district
- Authorizers are tasked with overseeing that their charters are operating within the the law.
- **SCUSD authorizes** 16 charter schools
  - **Dependent**: Closer relationship with authorizer
  - **Independent:** More removed relationship with authorizer

Signature City UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Independent	Dependent	Traditional
Public, LCFF Funded, Non-Profit		
Must Employ Fully Credentialed Teachers		
Employees of the charter	Employees of SCUSD	
Local Charter Board	SCUSD Board & Local Steering	SCUSD Board
Direct Funded Pays 1-3% Fees	Indirect Funded Pays 1-3% Fees	Indirect Funded

## Assembly Bill (AB) 1505

- Signed in 2019, Implemented in 2020
- AB 1505 focuses on...
  - The Importance of Local Control
  - o Clarity and Transparency
  - o Accountability, Use of Data
- The final version of AB 1505 included compromises for all groups
  - Stronger oversight for local authorizers
  - o Clear procedural and appeal rights for schools

Note: Though AB 1505 was in effect during COVID-19, the suspension of the state dashboard system and 2-year charter term extension meant limited implementation



# **Key Changes Under AB 1505**

#### **Renewal Criteria, Timeline, Appeal**

- Three-Tiered Criteria for Renewal
  - Criteria based on student outcomes reported on the CA Dashboard
  - Fiscal or governance concerns
  - o Not serving all students who wish to attend
- Timeline: 60-days to first hearing, 90-days, in total, to decision
- Appeal Rights
  - Appeal to County BOE if Authorizing district does not follow law or meet timelines
  - Appeal to State Board of Education if denied by County

#### **Other Changes**

- Removes Credential
  Flexibility
  - By July 2025, all teachers must hold appropriate credentials
- Charter Schools must operate within the authorizer boundaries
- Changes to considerations for new charter schools
  - Including community impact

## **Development** of SCUSD **Board Policies**

- Starting draft of policies based on CSBA (California School Board Association) model policies
- Engagement with stakeholders
  - o Legal Counsel
  - o Charter School Leaders
  - o SCUSD School District Staff
- Comparison with surrounding districts and counties

\* This work was started under the previous Director, Innovative Schools, taken over by Amanda Goldman in March 2023



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# Thank you!

## **Questions, Clarifications**