



Charter Oversight and Renewal

Board Meeting
May 2, 2024
Agenda Item No. 10.2

Presented by:
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Guiding Principles

CORE BELIEF

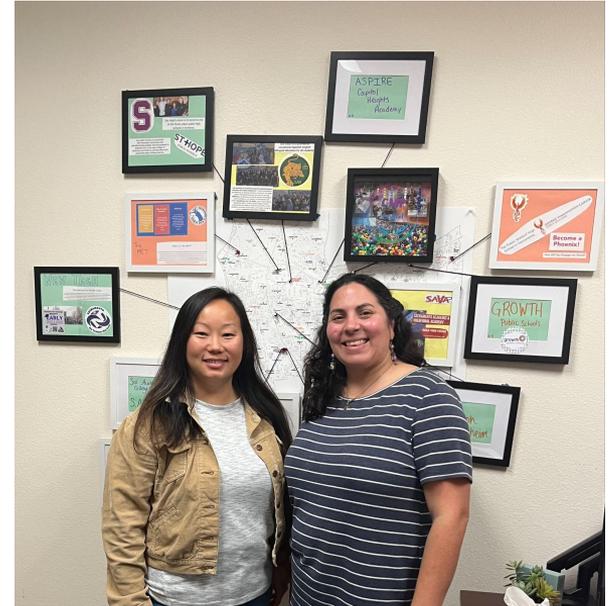
We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

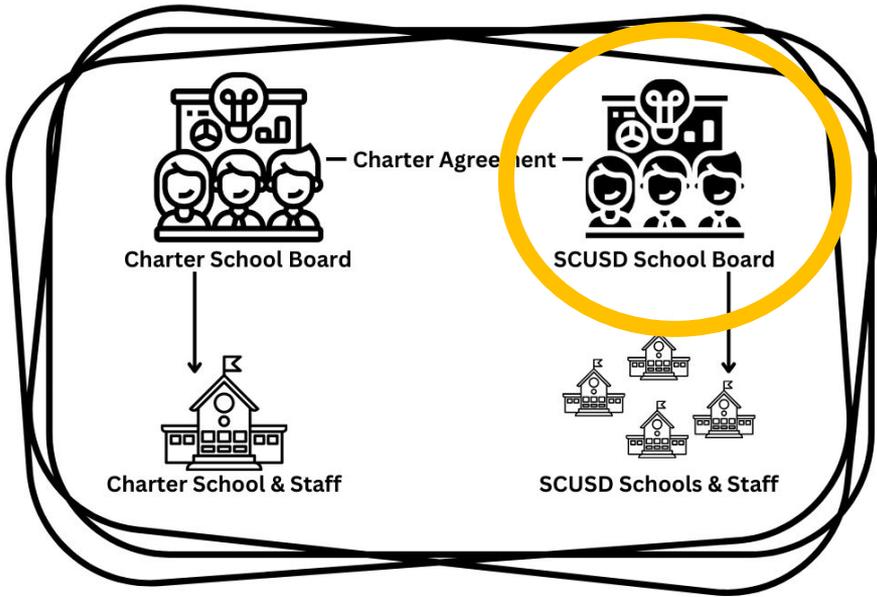
All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

Tonight's Purpose: Updates and Preparation

- Innovation and Accountability
- Annual Oversight
- Renewal Laws and Preparation
- Board Member Questions



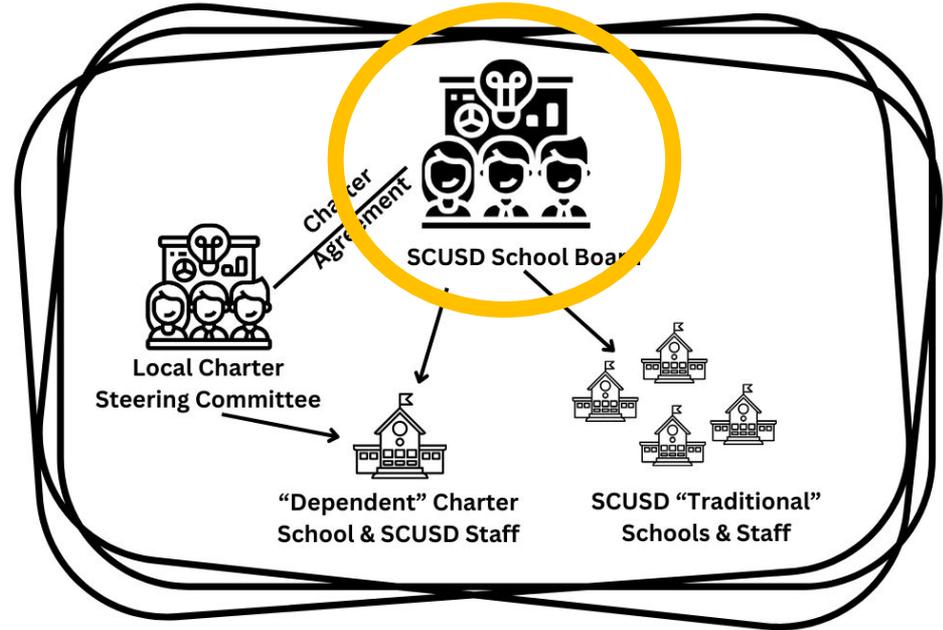
[Innovative Schools Team](#)
Amanda Goldman, Director
Bee Moua, Budget Analyst



**Independent
"Direct Funded"
Charter**



**Dependent
"Locally Funded"
Charter**



The BIG Idea

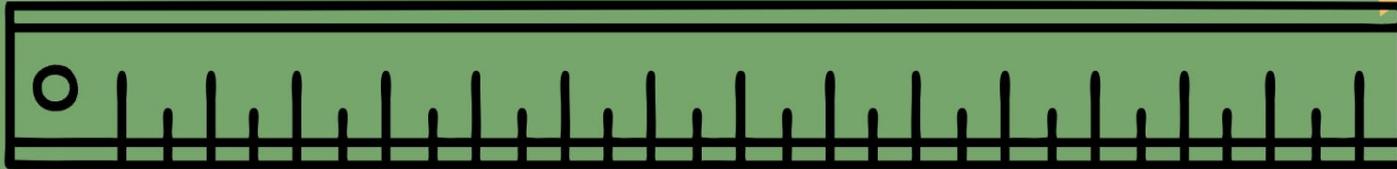
An Inch
of
Flexibility

A Foot of
Innovation

A Yard of Achievement

Flexibility can be governance,
academic program, pedagogy...
all based on their charter

Flexibility
comes with
Accountability
from
Authorizer



“With Great Flexibility Comes Great Accountability”

1 - Annual Authorizer Oversight

- Review Key Documents
 - Fiscal Reports (ie Budgets, Audits)
 - Board meetings and policies
 - Other requested documents
- Review state and local performance data
- Site Visit
 - Classroom observations
 - Interviews with staff / board
 - On-site document review



What Board Will See

- Annual Report to the board
 - High Level Summary with links to more detail
 - Complete ~ July
- Detailed Annual Staff Report
 - May include required action items for charter schools
 - Complete ~ July
- Notice to Cure / Correct
 - If issue is severe or significant, authorizer may issue formal notice to cure/correct a problem

Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

Independent - Grades Served: TK-8 - Renewal By: June 30, 2026 - [Link to Full Staff Report](#)

Performance Area	Performance Level	Notes or Required Actions
On track for Renewal / CDE Renewal Tier		
Governance and Reporting		
Financial Responsibility		
Educational Program		
Public Policy Purpose / Serving all Students Who Wish to Attend		

Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy (SAVA)

Independent - Grades Served: 7-12 - Renewal By June 30, 2026 - [Link to Full Staff Report](#)

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IDENTIFIED STRENGTHS AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

This section of the *Annual Performance Report* provides an authorizing agency summary of identified strengths and areas for improvement, based on indicators and metrics aligned with four guiding questions:

- Is the charter school operating and governed effectively?
- Is the charter school's education program a success?
- Is the charter school financially viable?
- Is the charter school serving public policy purposes?

Is the Charter School on track for renewal (Y/N)?	
Strengths	Areas for Improvement
Authorizing Agency-Required Actions	

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

General Information	
Grades Served	
Total Enrollment/As of...	
School Website	
Leadership Team/Positions	
Administrative Office Address & Phone	
Additional Site Addresses/Phone Numbers, As Applicable	
Board Members/Offices/Terms	

Sample Annual Board Report in your board packet.

Note: Charter Schools pay an oversight fee which covers the cost of district oversight.

Sample Staff Report in your board packet.

“With Great Flexibility Comes Great Accountability”

What Board Should Expect

- Legally mandated process with strict timelines and expectations
- Charter schools will submit a “Renewal Petition”
 - Expect 3 by August 2024
 - Expect 3 more by January 2025
- SCUSD Staff and contracted support organization will review petition → generate a renewal report (sample in board packet)
- Board will hear from charter school representatives **and** staff at hearings



2-Renewal Petition Review

- Review “track record” of recent term
 - Academics
 - Fiscal
 - Governance
- Ensure legal compliance with charter petition requirements
- Establish “contract” for next term
 - Charter
 - Operational MOU

Renewal Legal Guidance

AB 1505 Updated the law in 2019



60 days to
public hearing
90 days to
decision



Links charter renewal to Student Outcomes as reported by the California Dashboard

Clarifies / Strengthens district oversight of charters by specifying what can be considered in a charter petition

Imposes timelines for charters and districts on the renewal process. Details an appeal process to county or state

Renewal Legal Guidance & Discretion

3 Tiers for Renewal

Tier is determined based on the previous 2 years of published CA Dashboard Data



Potential Denial Findings by Tier

High	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shall not deny for academic reasons• Can only deny with a finding that school is either<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (A) unable to implement program due to fiscal/governance concerns OR◦ (B) is not serving all students who wish to attend.
Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can deny for the reasons in High OR can deny if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (A) school has failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward meeting standards that provide a benefit to the students AND◦ (B) Closure is in the best interest of students AND◦ (C) Decision provided greater weight to academic performance
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presumptive denial, but may renew for 2 years if<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (A) the charter school is taking meaningful steps to address the underlying cause of low performance (with a written plan) AND◦ (B) Verified data shows 1 year progress for students OR strong postsecondary outcomes

If a district authorizing board acts outside of these areas of its discretion, the charter school can appeal to the county board and state board. Both may overturn the decision as “**abuse of discretion.**”

Questions, Clarification?

Please Ask

- Questions, Clarifications, Further Training?
- Additional Requests from Innovative Schools Team?



Timeline Matters!
+60 days to 1st hearing
+30 days to decision