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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs
Date of Meeting: March 15, 2011

Agenda Item: Proposed Amendment to Board Policy 3.28 Charter School Sponsorship

Proposed Policy Change
Approvals Required by Policy
Other Approvals
Monitoring
Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:
This is an amendment to Board Policy, requiring action by the Board

Scheduled Presenter(s):
Mike López

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:
The policy is being amended to comply with legislative changes to Minnesota Statutes Section 124.10.
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BACKGROUND

The language changes being proposed to Board Policy 3.28 are intended to bring the policy into compliance with changes made during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions to Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10.
3.28 Charter School **Authorizers**, **Sponsorship**

**Part 1. Definitions of Charter School.**

**Subpart A. Charter school.** A charter school is a public school established under Minnesota State Statutes section 124D.10 as either a cooperative or a non-profit corporation. Charter schools and their sponsors, **authorizers**, are subject to the requirements in Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10.

**Subpart B. Authorizers.** For purposes of this procedure, authorizer means a system college or university, authorized under Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10, subdivision 3, and Board Policy 3.28, and System Procedure 3.28.1 to serve as an authorizer of a charter school and approved as an authorizer by the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

**Part 2. Authorizer Sponsorship Responsibilities.**

To support, improve, and enhance elementary and secondary education in Minnesota, a MnSCU system college or university may serve as a charter school authorizer, consistent with its mission, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities policy and procedure, and Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. **Sponsoring** **Authorizing** institutions shall comply with all statutory sponsorship requirements for authorizers and shall adhere to sponsorship standards established for authorizers by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), *Children, Families, and Learning* (MDCFIL).

**Part 3. Annual Report.**

The Chancellor shall report to the Board annually on the status of charter schools **authorized** sponsorships by MnSCU system colleges and universities, including terminations and nonrenewals in the prior year.

**Part 4. Termination or Nonrenewal of Sponsorship Charter School Contract.**

A college or university may terminate or not renew a charter school contract in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. For purposes of a **A** college or university **may** terminate or non-renewing a charter school its sponsorship, for good cause. **Good cause** includes, but is not limited to, a determination by the college or university that it is unable to continue acting as an **authorizer** **sponsor** because of administrative, programmatic, or financial considerations of the college or university, or because of continued failure or inability of the charter school to comply with expected performance, budget, and administrative standards, meet pupil performance requirements specified in the contract, failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or violations of law.

**Date of Implementation:**
**Date of Adoption:**
**Date and Subject of Revision:**

**POLICY CONTENT FORMAT:**
*Single underlining represents proposed new language.*
*Strikeout represent existing language proposed to be eliminated.*