

MANUAL OF POLICY

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POLICY TITLE: Charter School Sponsorship Purpose and Authority

LEGAL AUTHORITY: FLORIDA STATUTES 1002.33 AND 1004.88
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE 6A-6.0790,
FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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1. Purpose and Scope. The purpose and scope of these policies is to govern how Miami Dade College (MDC) carries out its statutory and contracted responsibilities to sponsor Florida charter schools. The policies establish the standards, procedures and structures that guide MDC's work in:

- a. Advancing high-quality, evidence-based charter authorization.
- b. Ensuring transparent, ethical and consistent processes.
- c. Strengthening public accountability, fiscal integrity and compliance across the charter sector.

2. Authorizing Principles. Three core principles of charter authorizing comprise the foundation of MDC's authorizing process and shall be reflected in all components of its sponsorship of charter schools: maintain high standards, uphold school autonomy and protect student and public interests.

3. Authority of the Florida Charter Institute. Pursuant to Section 1004.88, Florida Statutes, the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation, also known as the Florida Charter Institute (FCI), has been established at MDC for the purpose of improving charter school authorizing practices and elevating standards of practice in evaluating and overseeing Florida charter schools. While operating as a statewide charter authorization support entity, the FCI also functions as the professional, technical and evaluative infrastructure to MDC in support of high-quality authorizing. To that end, MDC grants authority to the FCI regarding all stages of charter school oversight, except as described in Section 4.

4. Governing Authority. The MDC Board of Trustees is the ultimate governing authority and retains approval for certain charter sponsorship decisions, including:

- a. Charter school application approvals and denials.
- b. Approval of charter contracts, including amendments as set forth in policy.
- c. Renewal, non-renewal or termination of charter contracts.
- d. Adoption of authorizing policies.

5. All policies will be reviewed annually following each Florida legislative session, and more frequently when the Florida Department of Education issues relevant revisions to the Florida Administrative Code. All policies will be updated as needed to maintain alignment with statewide standards and evolving best practice frameworks.

6. Procedures. The Executive Director of the FCI is responsible for and authorized to adopt procedures necessary for implementing this policy.

 July 21, 2026
CHAIRMAN DATE