

Agenda Item VII.B, Board Action on development of administrative rules for multiple charter school authorizers

General Business Meeting

January 19, 2016

At its December 1, 2015 meeting, the Student Achievement Committee (“SAC”) discussed the Board of Education’s (“Board”) responsibilities related to the State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) and public charter schools, including Board oversight and evaluation of the Commission and the establishment of administrative rules related to approval of additional charter school authorizers. During the discussion, SAC Vice Chairperson Jim Williams noted that, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) Section 302D-4, the Board is required to establish through administrative rules an annual application and approval process for eligible entities to apply for chartering authority to become new charter school authorizers.

HRS Section 302D-4(e) states, “The [B]oard shall establish, through administrative rules, the annual application and approval process for all entities eligible to apply for chartering authority pursuant to [HRS Section 302D-4]; provided that the [B]oard shall not approve any application for chartering authority until July 1, 2014, or until the [B]oard adopts rules, whichever is later. By June 30 of each year, the [B]oard shall make available information and guidelines for all eligible entities concerning the opportunity to apply for chartering authority under [HRS Chapter 302D].”

At the Board’s December 1, 2015 General Business Meeting, Board Executive Director Alison Kunishige mentioned the Board will begin the process of promulgating administrative rules for multiple authorizers.