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### Board Policy 3.28 Charter School Authorizers

#### Part 1. Definitions

##### Subpart A. Charter school

A charter school is a public school established under Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10 as either a cooperative or a non-profit corporation. Charter schools and their 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 Responsibilities

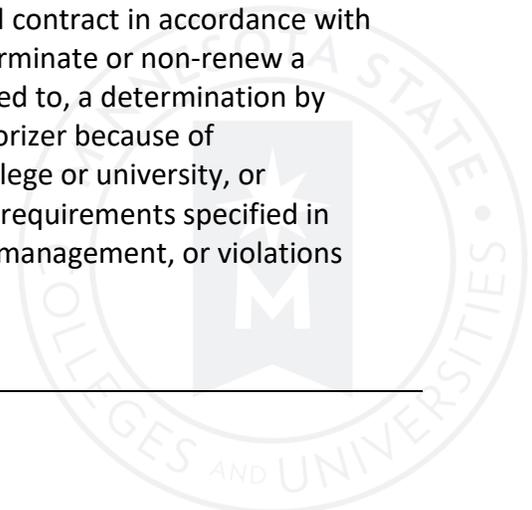
To support, improve, and enhance elementary and secondary education in Minnesota, a system college or university may serve as a charter school authorizer consistent with its mission, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities policy and procedure, and Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. Authorizing institutions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

#### Part 3. Annual Report

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

#### Part 4. Termination of Nonrenewal of Charter School Contract

A college or university may terminate or not renew a charter school contract in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 124D.10. A college or university may terminate or non-renew a charter school 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 authorizer because of administrative, programmatic, or financial considerations of the college or university, or because of failure of the charter school to meet pupil performance requirements specified in the contract, failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management, or violations of law.



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Section 124.10. Changes sponsors to authorizers.

No Additional HISTORY.