

Florida Authorizer Bootcamp

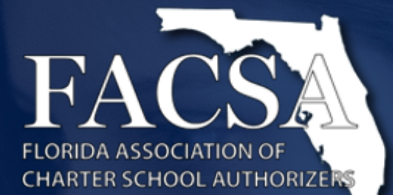
Day 3



Today's Agenda

- **Wednesday, September 15**
 - 1 - 1:30 p.m. – Florida Standard Charter Contract
 - 1:30 - 2 p.m. – Contract Negotiations
 - 2 - 2:45 p.m. – Compliance Monitoring
 - 2:45-3 p.m. – Break
 - 3 - 3:30 p.m. – Site Visits
 - 3:30 - 4 p.m. – Annual Reports

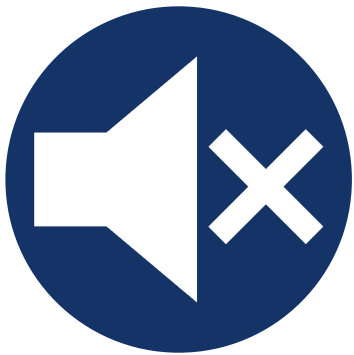




Florida Standard Contract and Pre-Opening Requirements

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Bootcamp Norms



**Remember to mute
yourself**



**Utilize the chat for questions
and comments**



Respond to the survey

Bootcamp Engagement

We want you to be an active participant!



Group Discussion



Poll Question



Authorizer Example



Chat Question

Session Agenda

- Statutory Requirements
- FDOE Standard Contract Components
- Pre-opening Requirements



Bootcamp Overview

Review Process

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Contract Negotiation
and Finalization

Annual Report and
Site Visits

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Application Stage

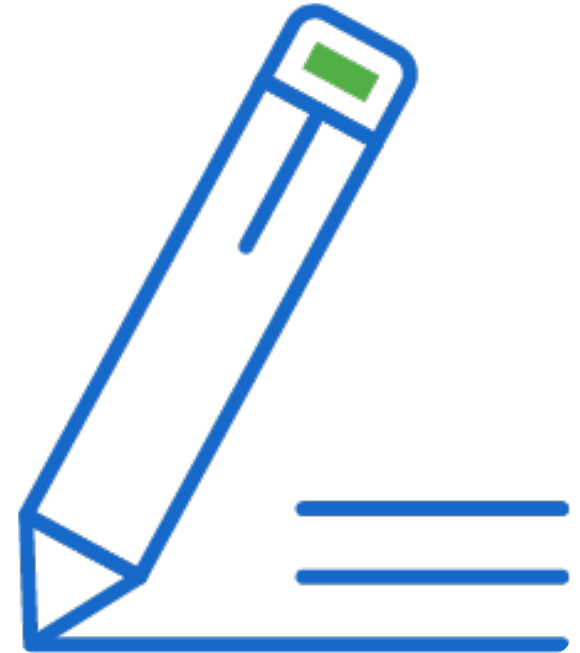
Decision Making

Ongoing Monitoring

Renewal Process

Objectives

- **Authorizers will review the standard contract from FDOE.**
- **Authorizers will review common modifications to the FDOE standard contract.**
- **Authorizers will understand some of the key components that need to be in place before schools are ready to open.**



Discussion

What is the purpose of a contract?

What is the importance of a contract?



Statutory Requirements for Initial Contract (1)

F.S § 1002.33(7)

“The terms and conditions for the operation of a charter school shall be set forth by the sponsor and the applicant in a written contractual agreement called a charter.”

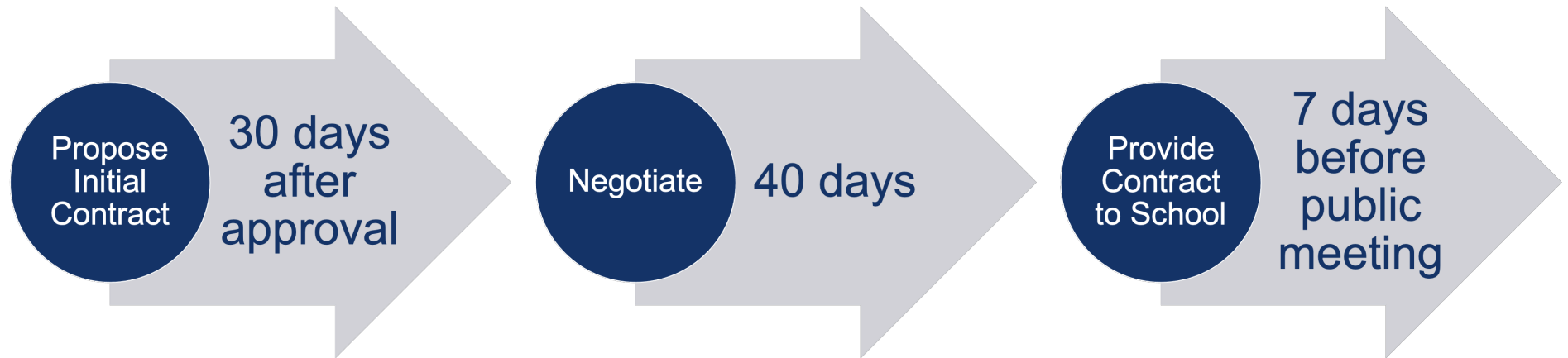
The sponsor must use the standard charter contract adopted by the State Board of Education.

Any differences from the standard contract are presumed to be a limitation on charter flexibility and “the sponsor may not impose unreasonable rules or regulations that violate the intent of giving charter schools greater flexibility to meet educational goals.”



Statutory Requirements for Initial Contract (2)

F.S § 1002.33(19)(b)



FDOE will provide mediation services for disputes related to the charter.

Florida Standard Charter Contract (1)

Form IEPC-SC

- **Section 1: General Terms**

- General application approval
- Charter term, charter renewal, nonrenewal, and termination
- Educational program
- Other general statutory requirements

- **Section 2: Academic Accountability**

- Annual academic objectives
- Assessment information
- Student graduation and data requirements



Florida Standard Charter Contract (2)

Form IEPC-SC

- **Section 3: Students**

- Grade levels, recruitment, class sizes
- Racial/ethnic balance
- ESE administrative services, EL services, and student discipline procedures



- **Section 4: Financial Accountability**

- State, local, federal, and grant funding
- Capital outlay funds
- Restricting charging tuition or fees in charter schools
- Financial record-keeping and oversight requirements

Florida Standard Charter Contract (3)

Form IEPC-SC

- **Sections 5–12**

- Other topics covered in the contract include:

- Facilities
- Transportation
- Food Services
- Insurance and Indemnification
- Governance
- Human Resources
- Required Reports and Documents
- Miscellaneous Provisions



Authorizer Discussion

- What modifications are included in your charter contracts?
- How do you ensure no unreasonable rules or regulations are imposed that impact the school's flexibility?



Pre-Opening Requirements

- A set of actions that a school must complete before opening
- Ensure schools are ready to serve students on day one
- Authorizers should formally adopt a set of pre-opening requirements that all new schools must meet

NACSA, Core Pre-Opening Monitoring Guidance and Sample Pre-Opening Requirements

Monitoring Pre-Opening Requirements

- **Authorizers should have a pre-opening checklist for schools to submit**
- **The checklist should include key components in areas such as operations, finance, staff, safety, and academics**
- **The checklist should also include due dates**
- **Schools will need to submit compliance documentation**
- **Authorizers may also choose to do site visits**

NACSA, Core Pre-Opening Monitoring Guidance and Sample Pre-Opening Requirements

Pre-Opening Requirements: Hillsborough County Sample

Hillsborough Pre-Opening Checklist



New Charter School Pre-Opening Checklist

School:	Reviewer(s):				
Principal:	Chairperson:				
Opening Date:	Other Contacts:				
ON SITE PRE-OPENING INSPECTION(S)					
FACILITIES					
Category	Date	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
No religious symbols, statues, artifacts, etc. on or about the property and facility where the school operates.					
Food service facilities are clean, operational and well maintained.					

**Questions?
Reactions?
Ideas?**

