



Leading the Way: Authorizer and Governing Board Partnerships that Ensure Quality Charter Schools

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OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Understand WHY strong board and district partnerships/relationships are important.
- ✓ Understand ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES of boards and districts.
- ✓ Identify strong COMMUNICATION methods that create collaborative partnerships.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

WHY ARE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS IMPORTANT?

1. To meet a common goal...**STUDENTS FIRST**
2. To establish clarity and alignment around expectations
3. To create a culture of teamwork and eliminate the 'us vs. them' perception



3 STEPS TO BETTER PARTNERSHIPS

01

Understand Roles
& Responsibilities
of the **Governing
Board**

02

Understand Roles
& Responsibilities
of the **Sponsor**

03

Clearly
Communicate
Expectations

FS 1002.33 - Charter School statute that provides details for both operators and authorizer responsibilities.

**FS 1002.33(5)(b)
FS 1002.33(20)
Sponsor's Duties**

- Authorizing
- Oversight and monitoring of compliance
- Administrative Services

**FS 1002.33(9)
Charter School's Duties**

- Ensure the Governing Board is ultimately accountable for school's operations and performance
- Compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and policies
- Satisfactory academic and financial performance

Florida
Charter
School Law
FS 1002.33

GOVERNING BOARD

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

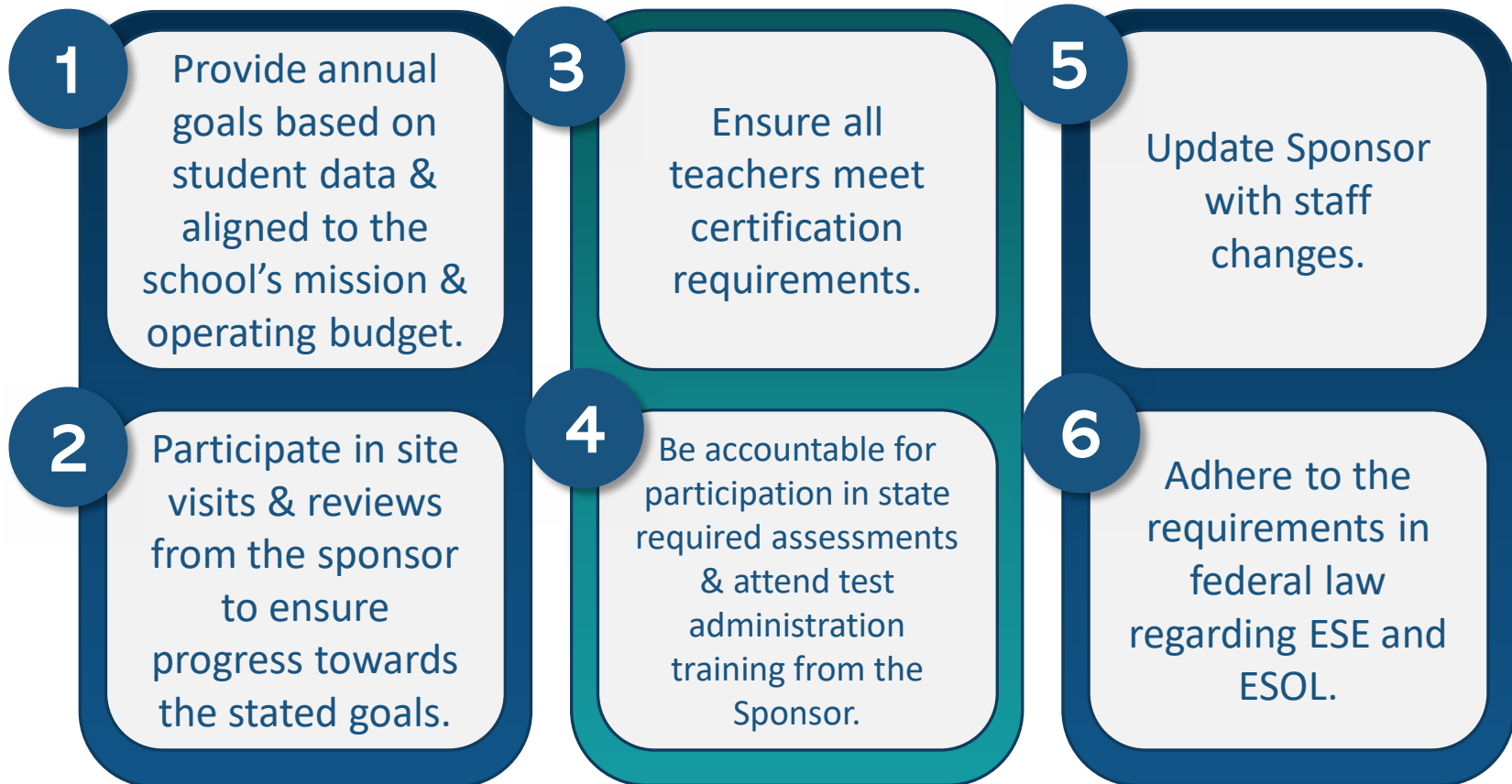
1. Governance
2. Educational Program
3. Finance
4. Operations

GOVERNANCE

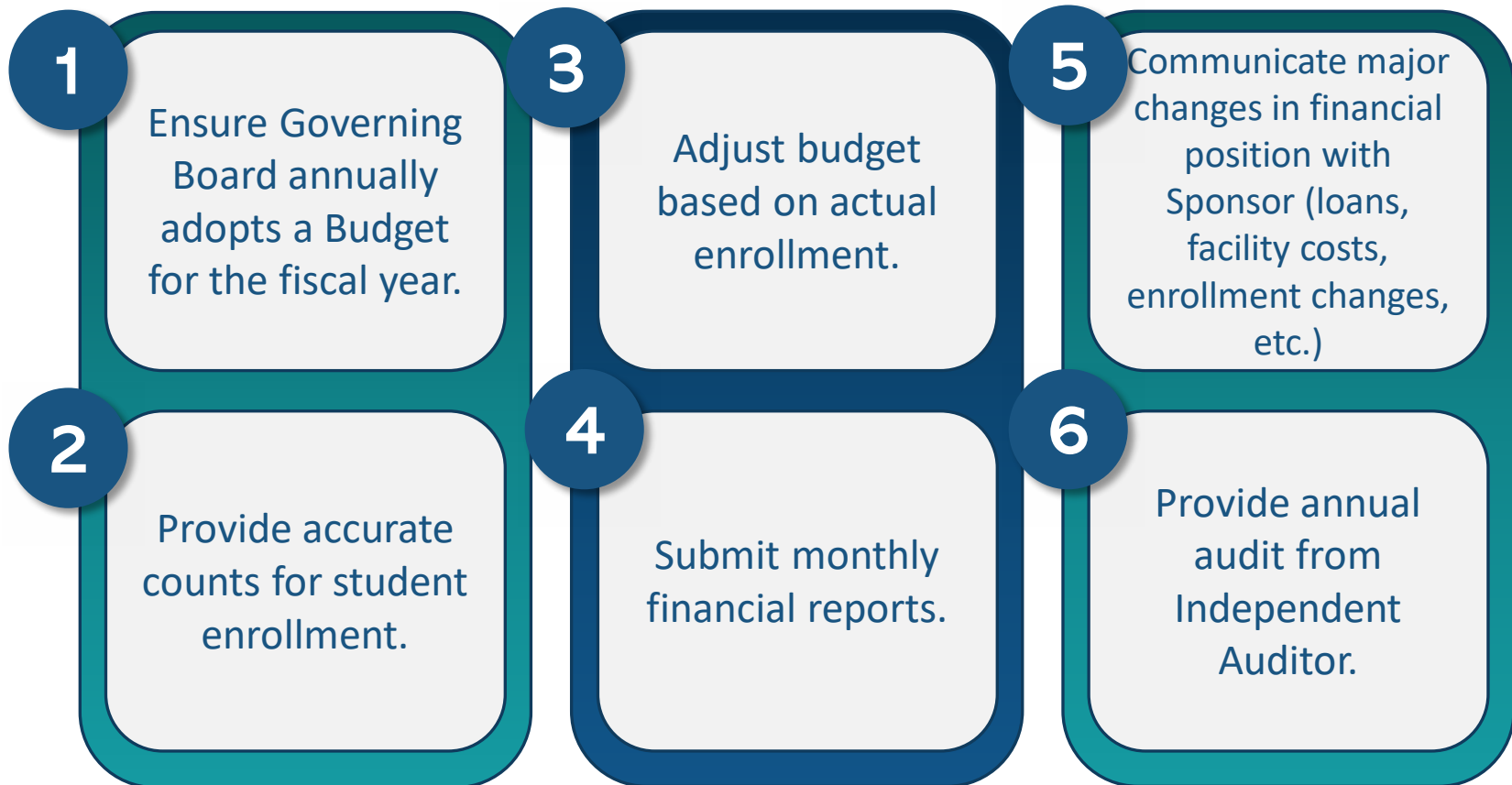
- 1 Provide governing board members names and contact info to district (update as necessary).
- 2 Ensure governing board members successfully undergo background screening.
- 3 Provide the board meeting schedule for the year (update as necessary).
- 4 Identify a board representative, as required in statute.
- 5 Provide evidence of required governance training.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



FINANCE



OPERATIONS

1

Meet all facility requirements, annually.

3

Provide proof of insurance and all required inspections to the Sponsor.

5

Ensure successful background screening of any applicants/vendors.

2

Ensure compliance of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act.

4

Provide a copy of management agreement with the ESP for review.

6

Provide handbook with policies and procedures for students, parents, and employees (update as necessary).

SPONSOR

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Authorizing
2. Oversight and monitoring of compliance
3. Administrative Services

AUTHORIZING

1002.33(6)

Application
Review

Approve/
Deny

1002.33(7)

Contract
Requirements

Contract
Process

1002.33(8)

Non-Renewal
or
Termination

Renewal
Process

OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING

1002.33
(8)(a)

The sponsor shall make student academic achievement for all students the most important factor.

1002.33
(5)(b)(1)(b)

Revenues and Expenditures

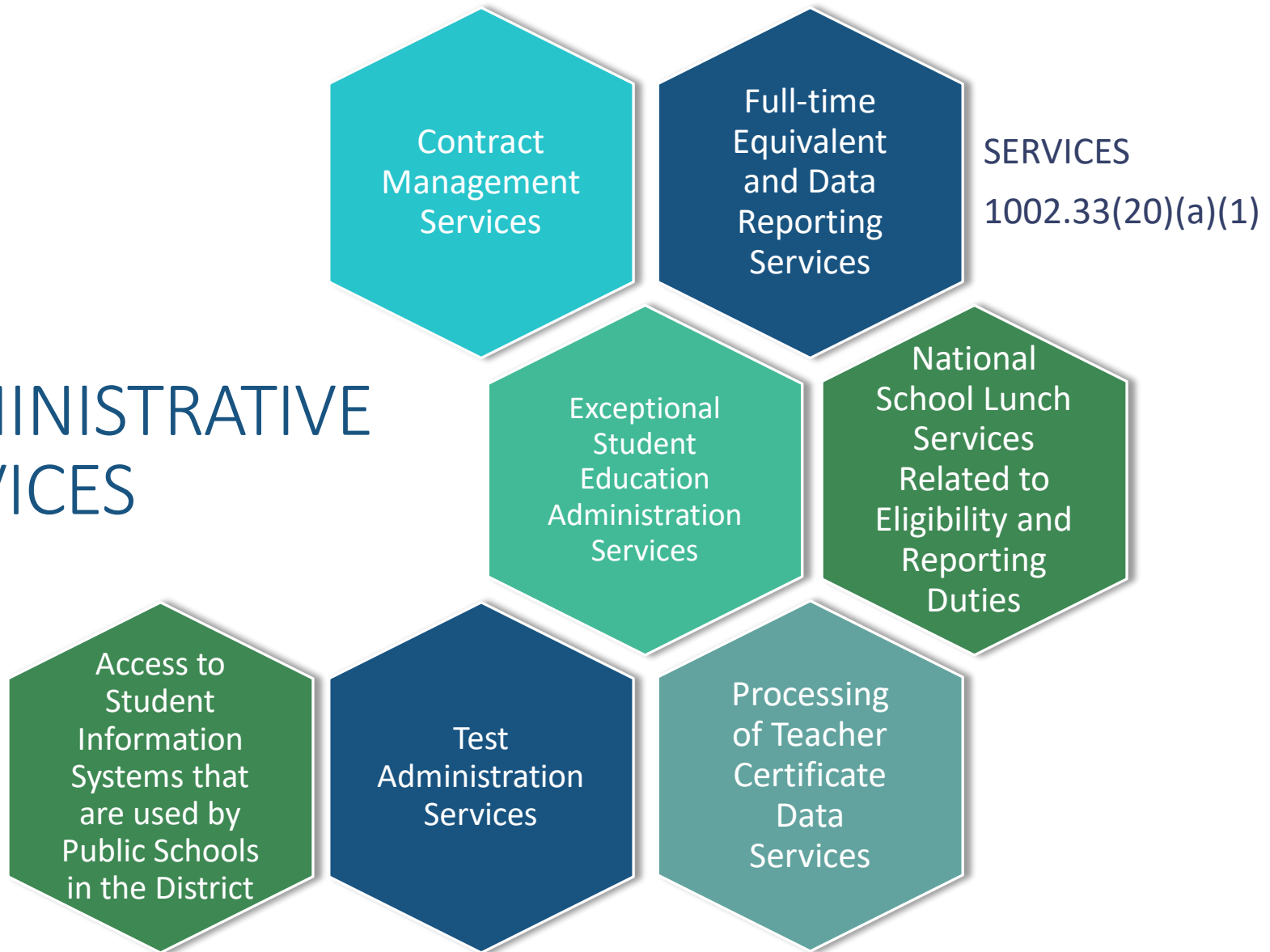
Contract Process

1002.33
(5)(b)(1)

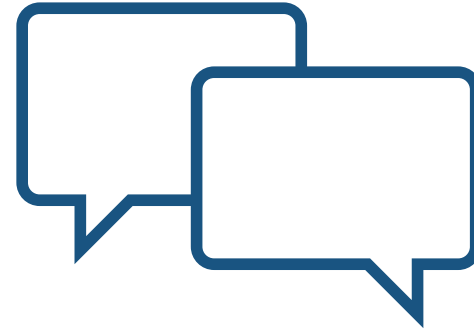
School participates in state accountability system.

Ensure the charter is innovative and consistent with state goals.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



Let's Talk



Good partnerships get better when we work to create a culture of **COLLABORATION**, **COOPERATION**, and **TRANSPARENCY** based on a shared commitment to the following:

- 1 Maintain high standards for all charter schools
- 2 Uphold charter school autonomy
- 3 Ensure the protection of both student and public interests

Communication is KEY



Know who to ask.

Understand and familiarize appropriate school personnel of District processes, procedures, and expectations

Build relationships.

Develop authorizer/operator relationships based on the shared commitment

Know when to ask for help.

Seek guidance and clarification to ensure that all deadlines are met and that all document submission requirements are met



WRAP UP

Session Survey

