

Montana Community Choice Schools Commission

c/o Board of Public Education

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Steering Committee

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Purpose of forming a Steering Committee:

On January 23, 2024 the Montana Community Choice Schools Commission (MCCSC) passed a motion to form a Rulemaking/Policy Development subcommittee that would use a public Steering Committee (SC) to help guide its work.

The Steering Committee's Purpose:

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to provide the Rulemaking/Policy Development Choice Commission Subcommittee with constructive feedback to improve policy development related to authorizing Choice Schools and Authorizers.

The Steering Committee's Goals:

The Steering Committee will provide strategic feedback to support the MCCSC's implementation of policies and documents that will enable high-quality Choice Schools and high-quality authorizers to establish in the state of Montana. Ideally, the SC will provide diverse perspectives of various education stakeholders/member of civil society including but not limited to parents, teachers, education and social entrepreneurs, taxpayers, school administrators, trustees, business owners, and national charter-specific experts.

Term and Scope of Work:

Steering Committee members will serve through December of 2024. The SC will review and provide feedback on the Application, Performance Frameworks, Contract, Proposal Review and Approval Policy for Choice Schools. Additionally, the committee will review and provide feedback on the Application, Contract, Proposal Review, and Approval Policy for Authorizers.

Steering Committee Responsibilities:

1. Active participation at meetings
2. Timely review of reading materials
3. Provide specific feedback on agenda items
4. Keep information confidential, knowing the work is in progress and neither finalized nor appropriate for dissemination
5. Agree to participate in open meeting format on a recorded, Zoom webinar

Statement of Volunteer Status:

Steering Committee members recognize their participation is on a voluntary basis only, and committee members will neither be compensated nor reimbursed for time spent reviewing documents or participating in the steering committee meetings. The Montana Community Choice Schools Commission is grateful for the volunteer service of all Steering Committee members.

Meetings:

The SC will meet no less than two times between May 15th and December 18th, 2024. It is possible, there will be an opportunity for a third meeting within this period. Meetings will be held online, and an agenda and reading materials will be available prior to the meetings. Members are expected to participate, and if unable to make a meeting, to notify the MCCSC 24 hours in advance.