



Board Timeline: Charter School Cont

- **January 2, 2020** – Written request for 1-year extension and 5-year renewal received by PPS Charter Schools Office
- **Board Committee Work Session for all 4 charter schools to review relevant**

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Feb 10-14, 2020 (no later than February 14, 2020) – Renewal Public Hearings for KairosPDX and Portland Village School (ORS 338.065(5)(c), within 45 days after receiving written request)

February 18-21, 2020 – (If needed - meeting is not statutory) Work Session, follow up to Public Hearing, review staff recommendation for all 4 schools, recommend resolutions for full meeting

Full Board Meetings:

- **March 3, 2020** – Agenda item for charter schools renewal/extensions (Board Committee to determine if further presentation from schools is desired). **Board may vote at this meeting** if public comment is offered, or--
- **March 17, 2020** –(only if Board vote not held at March 3 meeting) Board vote (business agenda, no presentations) (ORS 338.065(5)(d), within 30 days after public hearing*)
*this date falls after 30-days from public hearing, but can be scheduled by mutual agreement with schools



Charter Schools Renewals

This memorandum provides a brief explanation of the charter school renewal purpose and criteria.

Sponsors of charter schools in Oregon are responsible for evaluating charter school performance and determining whether or not to renew the contract of the charter school based on its compliance with the law and the contract, and its performance in three domains: academic, financial, and organizational.

The National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) recommends in its annual site visit, and any other information mutually agreed upon by the sponsor and the charter school. The annual site visit should include:

- (A) Is in compliance with this chapter and all other applicable state and federal laws;
- (B) Is in compliance with the charter of the public charter school;

Members of the Board of Education, Charter Schools and Alternative Programs Committee

Korinna Wolfe, Area Senior Director, Multiple Pathways to Graduation

: Opal Charter School Charter Extension Request

Opal Charter School is a k-5 charter school in SW Portland, housed in the Portland Children’s Museum, enrolling 88 students. The school’s instructional program is guided by the work of early childhood educators in Reggio Emilia, Italy, neuroscience research, and constructivist practices. The Opal School, through its association with the Museum Center for Learning, operates as a research lab for educators nationwide, who take part in Opal’s Summer Symposium and Visitation Days during the school year.

Opal Charter School (“Opal”) is currently operating under a five-to-ten-year “flexible” agreement (described below), the fourth extension of which terminates on ~~June 30, 2020~~ June 30, 2020

Framework and Report Summary for Opal School in review of its academic performance, management, organizational stability, adherence with all applicable state laws, and compliance with the terms of the charter contract. The Charter Schools Office found no areas of statutory or regulatory concern in its review.

As schools of choice, continue to work to attract a student population that is reflective of the district’s population. Opal School’s enrollment reflects significantly less diversity than District k-5. About 2% of its students are Ever English Learners (compared to 10.5% District k-5), 6.8% are Economically Disadvantaged (compared to 32.8% District k-5), 14.8% are Historically Underserved Communities (compared to 31.1% District k-5), and 81.8% are White (compared to 58.5% District k-5). The district has posted translated enrollment information as well as made hard copy brochures available in district supported languages to broaden its outreach to English Language Learners. Opal’s