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**SUBJECT: CHARTER SCHOOLS**

The chartering policies for public school academies adopted by the Board of Trustees at its July 21, 1994, meeting are rescinded.

The following chartering policies are adopted.

- a. Recognizing that public school academy board members are public officials and have primary responsibility for the academy's governance and operation, an academy's board of directors shall have not less than five nor more than nine members.
- b. To ensure public school academies are open and accessible to all interested parties, each academy must legally notice and reasonably inform the public of its application period and enrollment procedures.
- c. Believing competitive comparisons and benchmarking information are necessary for raising standards and driving continuous improvement, the charter schools office shall ensure that each public school academy contract contains clear, measurable performance standards.<sup>1</sup>
- d. To assess the academic performance of public school academies, the charter schools office shall institute an educational monitoring system that, among other things, requires public school academies to annually administer a standardized assessment instrument measuring student achievement.<sup>3</sup>
- e. To assess the organizational viability of public school academies, the charter schools office shall institute a financial monitoring system that, among other things, requires public school academies to submit an annual budget, quarterly financial statements, and an annual independent financial audit.<sup>1</sup>

Item F. of the chartering policies for public school academies adopted by the Board of Trustees at its September 18, 1998, meeting is amended to read as follows:

- f. To effectively perform the university Board's oversight responsibilities, the Office of Charter Schools shall collect an administrative fee of three percent (3%) of the foundation grant funds paid to each public school academy according to the terms of the State School Aid Act.

This amendment is retroactive to July 1, 2000.<sup>2</sup>

**Authority:** <sup>1</sup>BTM 9-17/18-98 at 3839/3842; <sup>2</sup>BTM 3-16-01 at 4297; <sup>3</sup>BTM 7-11-02 at 4525.

**History:** BTM 7-20/21-94 at 2980/81.

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- g. Striving to make the renewal process for public school academies straightforward, the charter schools office shall institute a charter renewal process, guided by the following core questions:
- Is the public school academy's academic program successful?
  - Is the public school academy's organization viable?
  - Is the public school academy demonstrating good faith in following the terms of its charter and applicable law?

The president or the president's designee is authorized to develop and implement additional policies necessary for administering the university's charter schools program.