

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**MANUAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**POLICIES, PRACTICES AND REGULATIONS**

**CHAPTER 13**

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**SUBJECT: CHARTER SCHOOLS**

The policy titled Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection, Appointment, and Removal as amended and dated December 7, 2006, is adopted.

These provisions shall be implemented with new charter contracts and shall be phased in as existing charter contracts are reissued. The charter schools office is authorized to negotiate changes in the terms and conditions of charter contracts to fully implement these provisions.

**Public School Academy Board of Directors: Method of Selection,  
Appointment, and Removal**

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees declares that the method of selection, length of term, and number of board members shall be as follows.

**Method of Selection and Appointment**

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees ("University Board") shall prescribe the method of appointment for members of an academy's board of directors. The director of the charter schools office is authorized to develop and administer an academy board selection and appointment process that includes an *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* and is in accord with these policies:

- a. The University Board shall appoint the initial and subsequent academy board of directors by resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph d. The director of the charter schools office shall recommend qualified individuals to the University Board.
- b. The academy board of directors, by resolution and majority vote, shall nominate its subsequent members, except as provided otherwise. The academy board of directors shall recommend to the director of the charter schools office at least one nominee for each vacancy. Nominees shall submit the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* for review by the charter schools office. The director of the charter schools office may or may not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the academy board. If the director of the charter schools office does not recommend the appointment of a nominee submitted by the academy board, he/she may select and recommend another nominee or may request the academy board submit a new nominee for consideration.
- c. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.

**Authority:** BTM 12-7-06 at 5157.

**History:** BTM 9-17/18-98 at 3841/42.

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- d. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board's chair and the president, the director of the charter schools office may appoint a qualified individual to an academy's board of directors. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under this provision.

**Length of Term**

The director of an academy board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. Terms of the initial positions of the academy board of directors which shall be staggered in accordance with *The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments* established and administered by the director of the charter schools office. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of office not to exceed of four (4) years, except as prescribed by *The Academy Board of Directors Table of Staggered Terms and Appointments*.

**Removal and Suspension**

If the University Board determines that an academy board member's service in office is no longer necessary, then the University Board may remove an academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the academy board member's service ends. An academy board member may also be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the academy's board for cause.

With the approval of the University Board's chair and the president, the director of the charter schools office may suspend an academy board member's service, if in his/her judgment the person's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property, or would seriously impair the operation of the academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspensions made under this provision.

**Number of Directors**

The number of members of the academy board of directors shall not be less than five (5) nor more than nine (9). If the academy board of directors fails to maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or its designee may deem that failure an exigent condition.

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**Qualifications of Academy Board Members**

To be qualified to serve on an academy's board of directors, a person shall, among other things: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) be a resident of the state of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the charter schools office including, but not limited to, the *Application for Public School Academy Board Appointment* which must include authorization to process a criminal background check; and (d) annually submit a conflict of interest disclosure as prescribed by the charter schools office.

The members of an academy board of directors shall not include: (a) employees of the academy; (b) any director, officer, or employee of a service provider or management company that contracts with the academy; (c) a Central Michigan University official or employee, as a representative of Central Michigan University.

**Oath of Public Office**

All members of the academy board of directors must take the constitutional oath of office and sign the *Oath of Public Office* before beginning their service. No appointment shall be effective prior to the filing of The *Oath of Public Office* shall be filed with the charter schools office.

**Note:** These provisions shall be implemented with new charter contracts and shall be phased in as existing charter contracts are reissued or amended. The charter schools office is authorized to negotiate changes in the terms and conditions of charter contracts to fully implement these provisions.

**Amended by CMU Board of Trustees: 06-1207.**

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