

Public Comment – Proposed Charter School(s)
 Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board
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The Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board (MCSAB) is a state agency responsible for authorizing charter schools in the state. With this responsibility comes the annual RFP application cycle. As part of its nearly (9) month request for proposals process, eligible applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent, successfully complete **Stage 1: Completeness Check**, successfully complete the **Stage 2: Threshold Quality Review** process, and participate in the **Stage 3: Independent Evaluation Team Review** process including a comprehensive review of written application and a capacity interview led by a team of external expert evaluators. Details of this process may be found online at [The Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board website](#).

Applicants who complete the Stage 3: **Independent Evaluation Team Review** receive the independent evaluation team’s findings and recommendation in a report delivered on August 15, 2019, at which time applicants have until August 22, 2019, to submit a response including correction of any factual errors.

An important consideration for the Board in its consideration of whether to approve or deny each application is feedback from the public regarding proposed schools. During the 2019 process, MCSAB will accept written public comments through September 5, 2019, regarding recommendations to approve or deny applications. Public comments may be emailed to lkarmacharya@mississippi.edu. The Board will also hear public comment during a designated time during its regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 9, 2019, at 10:00am in the Board’s office at 239 N. Lamar Street, Suite 207, Jackson, MS 39201.

2019 Applications and Independent Evaluation Team Recommendations:

Charter Applicant	Proposed School	Proposed Location	Grade Levels Served	Evaluation Team Recommendation
MS Community Education Center	Greenwood Charter School	Greenwood	K -5 by 2024	Deny
MS Delta Academies	Leflore Legacy Academy	Greenwood	6-8 by 2023	Approve
Randy J. Naylor Memorial Foundation	Memorial Preparatory Academy	Vicksburg-Warren	K-6 by 2024	Deny
SR1	SR1 College Preparatory and STEM Academy	Canton	K-5 by 2024	Deny