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# **Choice & Innovation Subcommittee**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

**3:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

**306 HOB**

**Meeting Packet**

**Will Weatherford  
Speaker**

**Michael Bileca  
Chair**



## AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Presentations and panel discussion of the Department of Education report on standard charter school contract by:
  - Adam Miller, Executive Director  
Office of Independent Education & Parental Choice
  - Suzanne D'Agresta, General Counsel  
School Board of Indian River County
  - David Koperski, School Board Attorney  
Pinellas County Schools
  - Jenna Hodgens, Director Charter Schools  
Hillsborough County Public Schools
  - Melissa Gross-Arnold, Esq.  
Arnold & Sichts
  - Daniel Woodring, Esq.  
Woodring Law Firm
  - Richard Page, Vice President  
Charter Schools USA
- IV. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

# Standard Charter Contract

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Adam Miller, Director

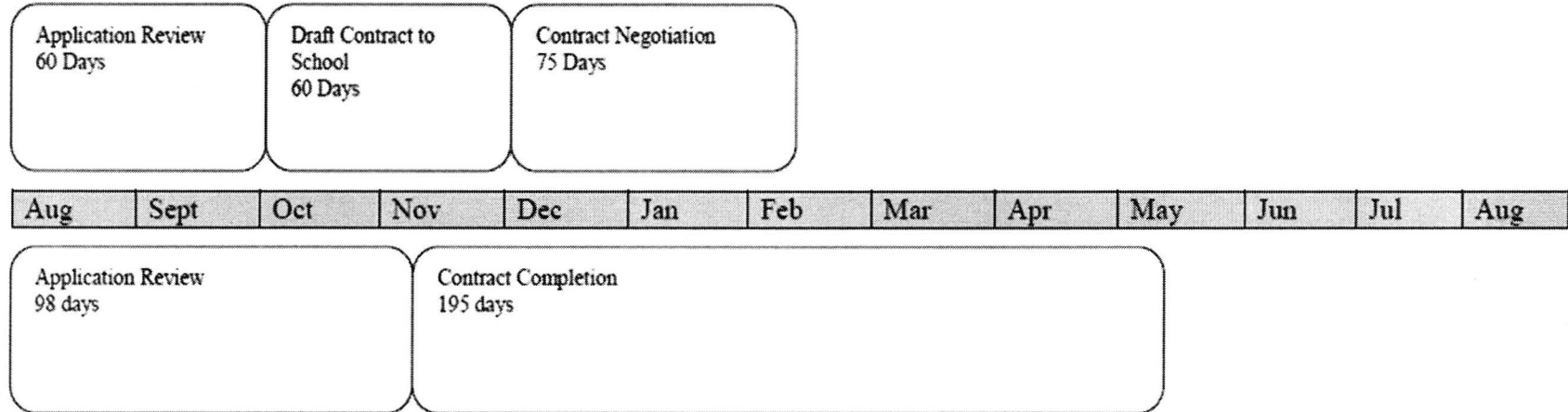
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# Requirements

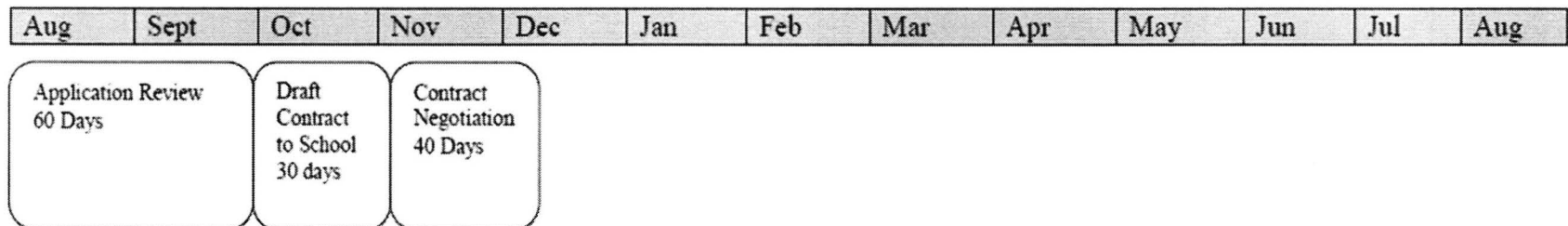
- HB 7009- Section 8
  - The Department of Education shall develop a proposed statewide, standard charter contract
  - Provide proposed charter contract to Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1, 2013
- Reduced timeline for contract negotiations from 135 days to 70 days

# Timelines for District and Charter Contract Negotiations

## 2012 Statutory Timeline vs. Actual



## New Timelines



# Benefits of Standard Charter Contract

- Streamline Process
  - Shorten timelines
  - Districts and Charters more prepared for negotiations
- Consistent Standards
  - Sets baseline expectations
- Creates Opportunity for Meaningful Negotiation

# Statutory Directive

- The terms and conditions for the operation of a charter school shall be set forth by the sponsor and the applicant in a written contractual agreement, called a charter. The sponsor **may not impose unreasonable rules or regulations that violate the intent of giving charter schools greater flexibility to meet educational goals.** (Section 1002.33(6)(h), F.S.)

# Goals

- To develop a standard charter contract that:
  - Is clear and concise
  - Places the interests of students above all else
  - Provides for strong outcome-based accountability
  - Recognizes and protects charter school autonomy and flexibility
  - Provides sponsors with the tools necessary to conduct meaningful and focused oversight and monitoring



# Process

- Discussion with District School Board attorneys June 26
- Requested and received current contract templates from districts
- Florida Department of Education created hybrid- Draft 1.0
- Distributed to charter stakeholders on July 19
- Received suggested revisions on August 2
- Consolidated suggested revisions- Draft 2.0
- Distributed Draft 2.0 to Districts on August 16
- Received suggested revisions on August 28
- Face-to-Face meeting September 25 (3 representatives from both the districts and the charters)
  - Additional feedback from participants October 4
- Consolidated feedback/suggestions from Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Phone calls/emails between October 4-15
- Final draft October 17
- Delivered November 1, 2013