



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Chad E. Ranney, General Counsel
Date: August 11, 2021
RE: Petition for Chartering Authority: University of Southern Indiana

MEMORANDUM

Recommendation: Approve University of Southern Indiana's Request.

IC 20-24-2.2-1.2(f) provides that a governing board of a nonprofit college or university that provides a four (4) year educational program for which it awards a baccalaureate or more advanced degree, including all of the listed entities in IC 20-24-1-2.5(5), which desires statewide, regional, or local chartering authority must submit an application to the state board if it has not previously issued a charter for any charter school prior to July 1, 2015. The application process must require each applicant to submit an application that clearly explains or presents the following elements:

- (1) A written notification of intent to serve as a charter authorizer in accordance with this article.
- (2) The applicant's strategic vision for chartering.
- (3) A plan to support the applicant's strategic vision described in subdivision (2), including an explanation and evidence of the applicant's budget and personnel capacity and commitment to execute the duties of quality charter authorizing in accordance with this article.
- (4) A draft or preliminary outline of the request for proposals that the applicant would, if approved by the state board under this section, issue to solicit charter school applicants under [IC 20-24-3](#).
- (5) A draft of the performance framework that the applicant would, if approved by the state board under this section, use to guide the establishment of a charter contract and for ongoing oversight and evaluation of charter schools consistent with this article.
- (6) A draft of the applicant's renewal, revocation, and nonrenewal processes.
- (7) A statement of assurance that the applicant commits to serving as a charter authorizer in fulfillment of the expectations, spirit, and intent of this article, and that the applicant will fully adopt standards of quality charter school authorizing in accordance with section 1.5 of this chapter.