

**16 NCAC 06G .0523      APPROVAL AND DISCLOSURE OF MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

(a) When used in this Section, "Management Organization" means an entity that meets one of the following definitions:

- (1) A "Charter Management Organization" (CMO) is a non-profit organization that operates or manages one or multiple charter schools by centralizing support and operations.
- (2) An "Education Management Organization" (EMO) is a for-profit organization that contracts with new or existing public-school districts, charter school districts, and charter schools to operate and manage one or multiple charter schools by centralizing support and operations.
- (3) A "Charter Support Organization" (CSO) is a for-profit or non-profit, nongovernmental entity that provides:
  - (A) assistance to developers during the application, planning, program design, and initial implementation of a charter school, or
  - (B) technical assistance to operating charter schools, including specific and limited services such as professional development, non-profit board development, payroll, and curriculum development.

(b) All applicants for a charter school shall receive SBE approval before partnering with a Management Organization. This approval may be sought as part of the application or renewal processes or through the amendment process. In determining whether to grant approval, the SBE shall consider whether the partnership with the Management Organization is in the best interest of the school, its staff, and its students.

(c) All applicants for a charter school shall disclose existing or contingent partnerships with Charter Support Organizations as part of the applicant's charter application.

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