

**WAC 180-19-230 Oversight of authorizers—Special review. (1)**

The board is authorized, upon a determination of persistently unsatisfactory performance of an authorizer's portfolio of charter schools, a pattern of well-founded complaints about the authorizer or its charter schools, a high percentage of charter school closures during the preceding 10-year period, or other objective circumstances, to conduct a special review of an authorizer's performance. The purpose of the special review is to determine the need for additional action by the board as provided in these rules.

(2) Any individual or entity may submit a written complaint to the board about an authorizer or its charter schools. The complaint should state in specific terms the alleged violation of law, failure to comply with a charter contract or its authorizing contract, or failure to develop and follow nationally recognized principles and standards for charter authorizing. The complaint must be signed and dated and provide contact information for use by the board in requesting additional information as deemed needed. The board shall post a standard form for submission of complaints on its public website.

(a) Upon receipt, the board shall transmit the complaint to the authorizer for its written response, which shall be submitted to the board within 30 days of receipt.

(b) The board may request additional information from the complainant or the authorizer as deemed necessary to investigate the complaint.

(c) If the complaint is determined not to be well-founded, the board shall notify the complainant in writing and the board shall not be required to take further action.

(d) If the complaint is determined to be well-founded, the board shall provide written notification of such determination to the complainant and the authorizer.

(3) The board must provide written notice to the authorizer of initiation of a special review, documenting the reasons for the decision to conduct the review. The board must provide opportunity for the authorizer to respond in writing to the specific determinations of the need for the review and may take into consideration any corrective action by the authorizer or other considerations in the review.

(4) The board shall submit a written report of the results of the special review to the authorizer and other interested persons. The report may include recommended corrective actions. The report shall be posted on the board's public website.

(5) If the commission is the subject of the special review under this section, the state board of education shall have one year from the initiation of its review to complete the review and provide a report with findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for statutory revisions it deems necessary. The board will seek input from the commission on proposed findings and recommendations before completing the report, and will provide the commission the opportunity to provide a written response to the board's report that will be included when the board's report is provided to the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, and the appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.710 RCW. WSR 24-07-015, § 180-19-230, filed 3/7/24, effective 4/7/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.710.120 (1) and (7). WSR 14-08-033, § 180-19-230, filed 3/25/14, effective 4/25/14.]