

Milwaukee Code of Ordinances – Chapter 330 – Charter Schools

330-15. Committee Findings. Based on the information in the application, the findings and recommendations of the technical reviewer, comments received at the public hearing, and any additional information received, the committee shall make a written finding as to whether:

1. The application complies with the requirements of ss. 330-5 and 330-7.
2. The school or proposed school will operate an education program that has a reasonable prospect of providing Milwaukee children a good education.
3. The school or proposed school possesses all of the following:
 - a. An appropriate governance structure, including a well-defined legal structure, clear definitions of responsibility for all major organizational functions and clear lines of accountability between the people who own the school and the people who operate it.
 - b. A sound system of management, including a clear and well-conceived strategic plan, clear definitions of responsibility for all management functions, a clear and coherent budget process, compliance with generally accepted practices with respect to money management and investment, and compliance with generally accepted practices with respect to internal accounting and external auditing.
 - c. A budget for the upcoming school year, and agrees to present budgets for future school years, that comply with generally accepted budgeting practices, including clear delineation of types of expenses and sources of revenue, use of realistic methods of expense and revenue estimation, and acceptable methods for dealing with deficits and contingencies.
 - d. A qualified body of administrators, teachers and staff, or has an acceptable method of recruiting such persons, and, in addition, has an acceptable method of maintaining a qualified body of administrators, teachers and staff.

4. The operation of the school or proposed school, when chartered by the city, will affect the resources available to students served by the Milwaukee public school system under the applicable state funding formula, and the nature of this effect.