

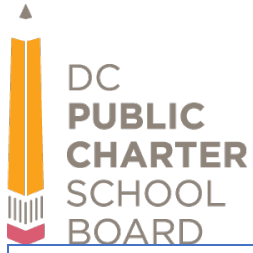


# Categories of Public Comment Items for Public Charter Schools

Every month, DC PCSB holds a public hearing and a public meeting. The public is always welcomed to speak before the Board at either meeting, and is encouraged to present testimony in writing or in-person during the public hearing on items before the Board for its consideration. The below chart generally outlines the types of issues that the Board considers during public hearings. Please note, the Board may consider other issues not included on this list. To view items pending before the Board and open for public comment visit, [www.dcpsb.org/public-comment](http://www.dcpsb.org/public-comment).

Category	Description	Reason for Public Comment
<b>Notice of Petition to Charter A New School</b>	The purpose of such a petition is to start a new public charter school; it does not usually include a proposed facility or location..	DC PCSB seeks public comment on the founding group's ability to run a successful public charter school in Washington, DC; support and need for the particular mission of the proposed school; and impact of the new school on the neighborhood and community.
<b>Notice of Petition to Amend Charter Agreement: Enrollment Ceiling Increase; New Location; Additional Location</b>	The purpose of these petitions are: to increase the maximum number of students that can attend a school per year; to announce a proposed new or additional facility location.	DC PCSB seeks public comment on whether the school is meeting the needs of all of its students, whether it is likely for the school community to enroll more students; and the impact on the neighborhood and

		<p>school community of additional students.</p> <p>For proposed locations, DC PCSB seeks public comment on the impact on the neighborhood and community of a new school or campus.</p>
<b>Notice of Petition to Amend Charter: Mission; Goals and Academic Expectations; Governance Structure</b>	<p>The mission, goals and academic expectations, and governance structure of a public charter school are components of a school's charter. Changes to the charter adjust the way the school operates and is held accountable.</p>	<p>DC PCSB seeks public comment on public concerns about the school's current and/or amended mission, goals, and academic expectations, each items impact on the school's students and the neighborhood and community.</p>
<b>Notice of Proposed Amendments to PMF Policy and Technical Guide and FAR Policy and Technical Guide</b>	<p>The Performance Management Framework Policy and Technical Guide (PMF) and the Financial Audit Review (FAR) Policy outline the business rules and processes DC PCSB will use to evaluate and publicly report the academic performance and financial health of public charter schools.</p>	<p>DC PCSB seeks public comment on whether a request to the PMF or FAR Policy and Technical Guides changes allow for continued fair but rigorous and legal assessment of public charter school performance.</p>



**Notice of Proposed  
Policy Revision or  
Notice of Proposed  
New Policy**

DC PCSB publishes policies, consistent with applicable law, to guide, clarify and improve its oversight of public charter schools.

DC PCSB seeks public comment on the impact of proposed policy changes or new policies on public charter schools, and the community.