Charter Public Schools System of Oversight

- Intentionally designed to ensure multiple layers of accountability work together to verify compliance with charter contract and applicable laws and regulations
- Made up of four primary entities - each with distinct and complementary oversight responsibilities
- Charter public schools are given more autonomy but held to higher standards of accountability
Charter public schools are publicly-funded, non-profit schools of choice overseen by a board of directors. Each charter school operates independently according to the terms of a charter contract between the authorizer (Commission) and the charter public school board.

**Charter School Commission**
- The authorizing entity that ensures charter public schools are complying with the charter contract and applicable rules and laws.
- Evaluates and reports on charter public school performance.

**Charter Public School Board**
- Non-profit entity that is party to the charter contract.
- Responsible for the governance of the school.
- First level of charter school oversight.

**State Auditor’s Office (SAO)**
- Independent state agency charged with ensuring that public entities are in compliance with applicable rules and laws.
- Ensures public funds are being spent appropriately.

**Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)**
- Oversees all public K-12 schools in Washington State.
- Fiscal agent of charter public schools.
- Ensures that schools are providing a program of basic education.
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Monitoring & Oversight
- Charter Contract
- Pre-Opening Conditions
- The Academic Performance Framework
- The Organizational Performance Framework
- Financial Performance Framework
- Site Visits
- Quality School Reviews
- Board Observations
- Annual Compliance Calendar
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Monitoring & Oversight

- Policies and Procedures
- Monthly OPMA-Compliant Board Meetings
- Approval of Expenditures
- School Leader Evaluation and Supervision
- Arbitrator of Complaints
- Approve Curriculum
- Approves and Monitors School’s Budget
- Monitors Contracts
Monitoring & Oversight

- Annual (or Semi-Annual) Accountability Audit – which includes, but is not limited to:
  - Payroll
  - Student Enrollment
  - Restricted Funds
  - Open Public Meetings
  - Act Compliance
  - Accounts Payable
  - Compliance with Supplemental Contracts
  - Banking
  - Fundraising activities
Monitoring & Oversight

- Consolidated Program Review
  - Title Programs
  - Student and School Safety
  - Civil Rights
  - Highly Capable
  - System and School Improvement
  - Fiscal Cross-Cutting
  - Students in Foster Care or Experiencing Homelessness

- Special Education and Section 504
- School Report Card
- Student, Staff, and Financial Reporting

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