

STATEMENT OF CONSIDERATION
RELATING TO 701 KAR 8:040
Conversion charter school petition, conversion, and operation

Kentucky Board of Education, Department of Education

(Not Amended After Comments)

I. A public hearing was scheduled on the above regulation for December 21st, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, in the State Board Room, Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky but was cancelled when no one registered to attend or attended the hearing. However, written comments were received during the public comment period.

II. The following individuals submitted written comments:

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Agency/Organization/Entity/Other</u>
Cassie R. Blausey, Esq.	Citizen

III. The following people from the promulgating administrative body responded to written comments:

Name and Title
Dr. Kelly Foster, Associate Commissioner, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support
Todd Allen, General Counsel, Office of Legal Services
Dr. Matthew Courtney, Policy Advisor, Office of Continuous Improvement and Support

IV. Summary of Comments and Responses

(1) Subject Matter: Required October 30th timeline for conversion charter schools.

(a) Comment: The commenter expressed that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) should allow the authorizer to set a timeline for conversion charter schools that aligns with their application period.

Those offering written comments related to the KBE’s authority are: Cassie Blausey.

(b) Response: The agency has carefully reviewed and appreciates this comment.

The October 30 deadline is necessary to ensure a smooth transition for charter conversions. This requirement provides stability and creates a statewide rule that allows the process to run smoothly. Removing this deadline would disrupt the necessary internal procedures required to convert an existing public school to a public charter school and would result in a charter school opening without the necessary financial and operational structures in place. The authorizers are able to set their own timeline within the state-provided timeline as mentioned in statute.

No amendments were made as a result of this comment.