

The timeline for the 2016 Petition Review Cycle is as follows*:

- **February 24, 2016:** Release date for 2016 Petition Review Cycle application.
- **May 16, 2016:** Application Deadline.
- *Petitions must be received by this date to receive consideration in the 2016 Petition Review Cycle.*
- **June 10, 2016:** Legal Compliance Review concludes, Substantive Petition Review and Scheduling for Petitioner Interviews begin.
- **July 11 – July 22, 2016:** Petition Interviews commence.
- **July 25 - September 16, 2016:** SCSC and Petitioner collaborate to identify additional information and actions needed to assist SCSC Staff in formulating a recommendation.
- **August 19, 2016:** Substantive Petition Review concludes and SCSC Staff releases recommendations.
- **August 31, 2016:** SCSC Meeting - Commission will vote on SCSC Staff recommendations and SCSC Staff updates to Commission on other outstanding issues.
- **September 14, 2016:** Deadline for petitioners approved in August to return signed charters.
- **September 26, 2016:** SCSC Staff releases recommendations for petitions that did not receive a recommendation in August.
- **September 28, 2016:** SCSC Meeting - Commission will vote on SCSC Staff recommendations for petitions that did not receive a recommendation in August.
- **October 12, 2016:** Deadline for petitioners approved in September to return signed charters.

The Commission will discuss and vote to approve or deny charters based upon a review of the petitions, the interviews, previous school performance and achievement data, the SCSC Staff Recommendations, and any supplemental information requested from the petitioning groups.

In some circumstances in which SCSC Staff identify that a petitioner is capable of SCSC approval in the 2016 Petition Review Cycle but the petitioner needs additional time to complete requested actions, the SCSC may not vote to approve or deny a charter petitioner at its September meeting. In those cases, SCSC staff will continue to collaborate with petitioners that were not denied by the SCSC and will finalize a recommendation for the remaining petitioners as merited and the Commission will vote on SCSC staff recommendations as needed. Petitioners may be required to delay opening until the 2018-2019 school year.

****This timeline is subject to change***