16 NCAC 06G .0523 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

(a) A “Management Organization” means an entity that meets one of the following definitions:

1. A “Charter Management Organization” (CMO) is a non-profit organization that operates or manages one or multiple charter schools by centralizing support and operations.

2. An “Education Management Organization” (EMO) is a for-profit organization that contracts with new or existing public-school districts, charter school districts, and charter schools to operate and manage one or multiple charter schools by centralizing support and operations.

3. A “Charter Support Organization” (CSO) is a for-profit or non-profit, nongovernmental entity that provides:
   - technical assistance to operating charter schools, including specific and limited services such as but not limited to professional development, non-profit board development, payroll, and curriculum development.

(b) All applicants for a charter school must receive SBE approval before partnering with a Management Organization. This approval may be sought as part of the application or renewal processes or through the amendment process.

(c) All existing charter schools must receive SBE approval before partnering with, or terminating an existing relationship with, a Management Organization.

(d) All applicants for a charter school must disclose existing or contingent partnerships with Charter Support Organizations as part of the applicant’s charter application.

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