

Public Charter School Petition Timeline (as outlined in Idaho Code and Board Policy)

Max. Days from Petition	Action
Start Date	Submit initial petition, with 30n signature, to local School Board
30 Days	Local school board hold public hearing
60 Days	Local school board makes decision (if signatures are not present, or lacking information required in 33-5205, or if both parties agree to an extension, the decision may be extended by an additional 60 days)
120 Days	Decision following optional extension
	Optional Appeal to SDE if petition denied by school district Board of Trustees
	State Superintendent appoints hearing officer to receive testimony on the appeal
30 days after request	Public Hearing by Hearing Officer
10 days after hearing	Hearing Officer Report
	Review by local school board
Within 30 days of Receipt	Of receipt of Hearing officer's recommendation, local Board has hearing.
Within 10 days of Hearing	Of hearing, local Board affirms or denies
Within 21 days of Final Decision	Appeal to the State Board of Education

Nampa Public Charter School II Timeline (as reported by Nampa II Founders)

Date	Action
10/15/01	Draft of petition submitted to Board Chair
11/13/01	First submission of petition to Nampa Board
11/28/01	Charter petition submitted to Nampa School Board clerk
12/11/01	Petition presented at the regularly-scheduled board meeting (refer to Hearing Officer Ralph Blount's report, p.3, top graph for detail of charter submission)
12/18/01	Formal acceptance of petition by Nampa Board
12/14/01	Required changes submitted by Nampa Board
1/8/02	Public Meeting to review petition; additional information presented on charter at the regularly scheduled school board meeting. (p. 3, second graph of Blount's report)
1/10/02	A special public hearing on the petition was held to gather public comment. In addition to public comments that evening, written comments were received up to Feb. 1, 2002. (p. 3, graph 3, Blount report)
Jan – Feb 2002	During the Jan.-Feb. timeframe, the charter board attempted to arrange two meetings between representatives of both boards to discuss issues. At the first scheduled meeting at the existing Nampa Charter School, only charter board members attended. At the request of Bob Henry, a second meeting was arranged (the date shared with Mr. Henry) and followed with his response that no one from the Nampa School Board would be able to attend. He did not request that it be rescheduled
2/5/02	Nampa School Board votes to delay decision (60-day extension). This was not mutually agreed upon by both parties. (4 th graph, p. 3, Blount's report)
2/5/02 – 3/21/02	Two meetings between representatives of the two boards met to negotiate. A list of 21 items was generated. Additionally, phone discussions and emails were sent between both boards' members to hammer out issues and to provide updates. The charter board acted on 17 of the 21 requested items and amended its charter accordingly

3/21/02	Amended charter is presented at the Nampa School board monthly meeting. At no time during the 60-day extension/meetings/discussions was the charter board informed that an additional 30 signatures would be required. The charter board was notified that night that this was a requirement, therefore, the original charter delivered Nov. 28, not the amended charter, was voted and denied. (5 th graph, p. 3, Blount's report).
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Nampa Public Charter School II Timeline (as reported by Nampa II Founders)—continued

Date	Action
3/25/02	The decision is appealed to the State Department of Education
5/1/02	Hearing Officer Ralph Blount conducts a public hearing. Written public comment was accepted up to May 6, 2002
5/10/02	Hearing Officer upholds Nampa School Board decision to deny
5/31/02	Nampa Board reaffirms its denial
6/03/03	Nampa II founders submit appeal to State Board of Education

Nampa Public Charter School II Timeline (as reported by the Hearing Officer, Mr. Blount)

Date	Action
Oct 2001	Representative of a Governing Board of a group seeking to create a second charter school in Nampa approached the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Nampa School District (Trustees), to advise him that the Governing Board would be submitting a petition for a second charter school.
11/28/01	Charter petition submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees and requested that petition be placed on the agenda for the regular December meeting of the Trustees.
Dec 2001	Amended petition presented and submitted at the regularly scheduled board meeting; however the Trustees' Chairman stated that he would not consider the amended petition unless required 30 signatures were verified. Petitioners withdrew amended petition and asked Trustees to consider the petition submitted Nov 28 th .
1/8/02	Trustees requested additional information—discussion was held on the processes for improving student learning, what was innovative about Nampa Charter School (NCS) II, the level of parental support, the proposed curriculum, and the selection of an administrator for the school.
1/10/02	Special Public Hearing held to accept public comment concerning the NCS II petition—24 proponents and opponents were given the opportunity to make statements. Written comments were accepted by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees until Feb 1, 2002.
2/5/02	Trustees again considered the NCS II petition at its regular meeting and the public was again given the opportunity to comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees continued to express concern about petition's contents and reviewed Trustees' statutory responsibility. • Determined that it had three options: 1) approve; 2) deny; or 3) require a sixty day extension period to allow discussion and negotiation between the NCS II representatives and Nampa School District. The Trustees continued the matter for 60 days over the objection of NCS II representatives. • Two meetings between representatives of the two boards met to discuss concerns over the petition's contents.

Nampa Public Charter School II Timeline (as reported by the Hearing Officer, Mr. Blount)—continued

Date	Action
3/21/02	<p>Trustees held a special meeting to act upon the amended petition. Up to and including the day of the special meeting, the Trustees continued to receive corrections and amended information from the NCS II representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The corrections and amendments were not submitted to the Trustees in the form of an amended petition accompanied by the requisite number of signatures. However, the tape of recording of Trustees' March 21st meeting indicates that at least some information not contained in the original petition submitted in November was considered by Trustees. • The Trustees voted to deny the petition by a vote of 3 to 1. • The NCS II representatives appealed to the Idaho Department of Education for the appointment of a hearing officer pursuant to Idaho Code section 33-5207(1)
5/1/02	<p>Public Hearing held—after a presentation by respective counsel and members of both the NCS II Governing Board and the Trustees, the hearing was open for public comment. Eight persons spoke in favor of the NCS II petition and two spoke in favor of the Trustees' decision to deny the petition. Public comment was taken up til 5pm on May 6, 2002.</p>
5/10/02	<p>Hearing officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation</p>
5/31/02	<p>Trustees voted at a public meeting to uphold the original decision to deny the charter school petition.</p>
6/3/03	<p>Nampa II founders submit appeal to State Board of Education</p>