2025 Charter Applications - Generation 30

The Museum School of East Dallas (TMS) - Dallas

Link to application and capacity interview

Final Vote: approved 9-5

General Information

- The Museum School of East Dallas (TMS) is a "museum school model" charter for grades K-8 that will serve a maximum of 450 students in zip code 75228 in East Dallas, with the potential to affect Dallas ISD, Mesquite ISD, Richardson ISD, and Garland ISD.
- This is The Museum School's first application.
- TMS will provide core subject instruction in the morning. From 1 – 5 in the afternoon TMS will provide individualized interventions, special required courses (PE, art, etc.), music, and individualized projects in collaboration with community organizations, some of which will be paid a fee.
- TMS is based on the "museum school model" that focuses on external partnerships and project-based learning.

Concerns

- Concerns were raised during the SBOE meeting about the proposed superintendent's fellowship with BES, a national charter organization. 9 of the 11 BES charter schools that have been approved by the SBOE since 2016 were D- or F-rated in 2023 (one had not yet opened). Two closed just this year, including one which had just opened in 2023.
- Members also raised concerns about the application's incorrect and misleading data on performance and class sizes of East Dallas schools.
- Questions remain about the ability to successfully implement a project-based learning model because of the limited number of staff

responsible, lack of experience by the proposed Superintendent, and little information about the structure of the afternoon activities.