

**Sec. 1.2.1. Charter School Authority.**

Life School is governed under the governing structure described by its open-enrollment charter.

**Sec. 1.2.2. Responsibility for LifeSchool of Dallas.**

**a) *Primary Responsibilities***

The Board of Directors of LifeSchool of Dallas (“Board”) has the primary responsibility for:

- (1) Implementing the public school program authorized by the Life School open-enrollment charter; and
- (2) Ensuring the performance of students enrolled in Life School in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

*19 Tex. Admin. Code § 100.1101(a).*

**b) *Alienation of Open-Enrollment Charter***

The Board derives its authority to operate Life School charter schools from the LifeSchool of Dallas open-enrollment charter.

- (1) The Board shall, acting as a body corporate in meetings posted in compliance with Government Code, Chapter 551, oversees the management of all Life School charter schools.
- (2) Except as provided below, the Board’s powers and duties to operate the Life School charter schools shall not be delegated, transferred, assigned, encumbered, pledged, subcontracted, or in any way alienated by the Board of Directors.
- (3) LifeSchool of Dallas shall notify the Texas Education Agency in writing prior to initiating bankruptcy proceeding respecting the charter holder.
- (4) Exclusive Method for Delegating Charter Powers and Duties. Any power or duty of the Board delegated to an officer, employee, contractor, management company, creditor, or any other person shall either be specified in the LifeSchool of Dallas open-enrollment charter or a charter delegation amendment approved by the Texas Education Agency division responsible for charter schools.

*19 Tex. Admin. Code § 100.1101(b)-(c).*

**c) *Accountability for Delegated Powers and Duties***

The Board remains responsible for the management, operation, and accountability of Life School, regardless of whether the Board delegates any of its powers or duties. *19 Tex. Admin. Code § 100.1101(d).*

**d) *Nondelegable Duties***

Absent specifically approved exceptions granted by the Commissioner of Education, the Board shall not delegate the following duties:

- (1) Final authority to hear or decide employee grievances, citizen complaints, or parental concerns;
- (2) Final authority to adopt or amend the budget of Life School, or to authorize the expenditure or obligation of state funds or the use of public property;
- (3) Final authority to direct the disposition or safekeeping of public records, except that the Board may delegate this function to any person, subject to the Board's superior right of immediate access to, control over, and possession of such records;
- (4) Final authority to adopt policies governing Life School operations;
- (5) Final authority to approve audit reports under TEC, §44.008(d); and
- (6) Initial or final authority to select, employ, direct, evaluate, renew, non-renew, terminate, or set compensation for the Life School Superintendent or, as applicable, the administrator serving as the educational leader and chief executive officer.

*19 Tex. Admin. Code § 100.1033(b)(14)(C).*