What is the Illinois State Charter School Commission?
The Illinois State Charter School Commission was established in 2011 with unanimous support in the Senate (52-0) and near-unanimous support in the House (102-6). It has been doing quality work and has met all requirements set forth by the General Assembly:

- Established best practices for high quality charter school oversight
- Considers appeals from charter schools turned down by districts
- Oversees charter schools previously approved by ISBE or on appeal
- Assists districts in supervising charter schools
- Publishes regular reports on charter schools

Who are the Commissioners?
All 9 Commissioners have many years of experience in education and civic leadership. Five (5) of the 9 are former or current district school professionals. They are appointed by ISBE, nominated by the Governor.

What is the Commission’s budget? Where does it get its funding?
The Commission’s annual budget is less than $600,000. The Commission receives no general revenue funding. The Commission raises the funds it requires by an administrative fee charged to the charter schools it supervises.

How many appeals has the Commission handled?
The Commission has handled 39 appeals in 3 years, granting 2 and denying 2. Most appeals (35) have been withdrawn. Appeals are withdrawn because applicants realize during the Commission’s investigation that they would like to improve their proposal and try again at the district level.

How many schools does the Commission supervise?
Most charter schools in Illinois are supervised by districts who are the authorizers of those charters. The Commission only supervises 4 schools: 2 in Chicago, 1 in Richton Park and 1 in Grayslake.

The Commission Has Granted Only 2 Appeals & Supervises Only 4 Schools.

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