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Board of Education of City of Saint Louis v. Missouri Charter Public School Commission

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District - April 22, 2025 - S.W.3d - 2025 WL 1161476

City board of education filed petition for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against Missouri Charter Public School Commission and Missouri State Board of Education, challenging establishment of a charter school within its school district.

The Circuit Court issued judgment dismissing city board's petition for lack of standing. City board appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that city board had legally protectable interests that were sufficient to confer standing to bring underlying action for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief.

City board of education had legally protectable interests that were sufficient to confer standing to bring action for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against Missouri Charter Public School Commission and State Board of Education, challenging establishment of a charter school within its district; city board had legally protectable interests, conferred by statute governing proposed charter requirements, in receiving a copy of any charter school application within its school district, in filing objections to any such application, and in Commission following its official policies and procedures when Commission was sponsor of charter, and city board was directly and adversely affected by alleged failures of Commission and State Board to follow procedures outlined in that statute.