

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**Virtual Board Meeting**  
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**Virtual Meeting**  
**SUMMARY**

<p><b><u>Members Present-</u></b>  <b>Hans-Dieter Klose</b> – President, and Public Member who is a Resident of an Indian Reservation (Virtual)  <b>Jessica Montierth</b> – Vice President, and Charter Operator Member (Virtual)  <b>Wendy Miller</b> - Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee (Virtual)(Present after roll call, before first motion taken.)  <b>Stephanie Bahr</b> – Teacher Member (Virtual)  <b>Carol Crockett</b> – Public Member Resides in a Neighborhood that Qualifies for National School Lunch Program (Virtual)  <b>Christina Foster</b> – Public Member (Virtual)  <b>Carlos Ruiz</b> – Public Member (Virtual)  <b>Timothy Stratton</b> – Business Member (Virtual)</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:01 a.m.</p>	<p><b><u>Members Absent-</u></b>  <b>Eli Chmouni</b> – Public Member  <b>James Swanson</b> – Business Member</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance</b>  <a href="#">(Youtube at 0:32)</a></p> <p><b>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item C. Roll Call</b> <a href="#">(Youtube at 0:56)</a></p>	<p>Aarron Loya called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p> <p>Recorded comments are available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion to Move Agenda Item I.(5).</b>  <i>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to move agenda Item I.(5). For the boards discussion and consideration after I.(7).</i>  <i>Stephanie Bahr seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed</b>  <b>(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item D. Superintendent's Report</b>  <a href="#">(Youtube at 3:50)</a></p>	<p>No Superintendent’s Report was made.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item E. Executive Director’s Report</b>  <a href="#">(Youtube at 5:41)</a></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item F. Call to the Public</b></p>	<p>No public comments were made.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item G. <a href="#">Presentation by Cloud SynApps about the New Online System</a></b>  <a href="#">(Youtube at 8:50)</a></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>

**Agenda Item H. Consent Agenda**  
**(Youtube at 22:07)**

1. Approval of [Meeting Minutes from the Charter Board's meeting on April 10, 2023](#).
2. **Charter Amendments**—Consideration to approve amendments from the following charter holders that met the staff recommendation criteria:
  - a. **Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc.—New School**
    - i. [Executive Summary](#)
    - ii. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
    - iii. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
    - iv. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
    - v. [School Specific Academic Goals](#)
    - vi. [Additional Data](#)
  - b. **BASIS Charter Schools, Inc. (Entity ID #934316)—Enrollment Cap Increase**
    - i. [Executive Summary](#)
    - ii. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
    - iii. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
    - iv. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
    - v. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
  - c. **Empower College Prep—Enrollment Cap Increase**
    - i. [Executive Summary](#)
    - ii. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
    - iii. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
    - iv. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
3. Consideration and possible action to approve the [proposed 2023 Audit Guidelines, Legal Compliance Questionnaire, USFRCS Compliance Questionnaire and Procurement Compliance Questionnaire](#).
4. Report required by A.A.C. R7-5-402(M) [indicating the probation risk level assigned to each charter holder identified as "On Probation" after having received two](#)

**Agenda Item H.**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. With the modifications we made prior to the presentation. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed**  
**(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)**

[consecutive “Intervention” ratings under the Board’s financial performance framework based on the fiscal years 2021 and 2022 audits.](#)

5. Consideration and possible action to approve an update to the contract for [Arizona Goodwill Education Services](#)

**Agenda Item I. Charter Amendments**— Discussion and possible action on an amendment requests from the following charter holders:

**(Youtube at 23:12)**

1. **Accelerated Learning Center, Inc.—Change in Charter Control**
  - a. [Executive Summary](#)
  - b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
  - c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
  - d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
  
2. **A+ Charter Schools—Grade Level Change and Enrollment Cap Increase**
  - a. [Executive Summary](#)
  - b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
  - c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
  - d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
  - e. [Charter Holder Additional Data](#)
  
3. **Carpe Diem Collegiate High School—Enrollment Cap Increase**
  - a. [Executive Summary](#)
  - b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
  - c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
  - d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)

**Agenda Item I.(1).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request for a Change in Charter Control, as presented in the Board materials today, for the contract of Accelerated Learning Center, Inc.*

*Carol Crockett seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)**

**Agenda Item I.(2).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to increase the grade levels served by A+ Charter Schools from grades 7-12 to grades 6-12, beginning in FY 2024, and increase the enrollment cap of A+ Charter Schools from 300 to 700, beginning in FY 2024.*

*Stephanie Bahr seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)**

**Agenda Item I.(3).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to increase the enrollment cap from 400 to 548 in FY 2024 for the contract of Carpe Diem Collegiate High School.*

*Stephanie Bahr seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)**

4. **EDUPRIZE, LLC—Change in Charter Control**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
- c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)

**Agenda Item I.(4).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request for a Change in Charter Control, as presented in the Board materials today, for the contract of EDUPRIZE, LLC.*

*Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz,  
Stratton, Klose)**

5. **Heritage Academy, Inc. —New School and Grade Level Change**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
- c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)

**Agenda Item I.(5).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to add Heritage Academy Pointe to the contract of Heritage Academy, Inc. and to increase the grades served for the contract of Heritage Academy, Inc. from 6-12 to K-12, effective FY 2024.*

*Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz,  
Stratton, Klose)**

6. **Noah Webster Schools - Mesa—Grade Level Change**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
- c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)

**Agenda Item I.(6).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to increase the grades served for the contract of Noah Webster Schools - Mesa from K-6 to K-8, effective FY 2025.*

*Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz,  
Stratton, Klose)**

<p>7. <b>Noah Webster Schools - Pima—Grade Level Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Executive Summary</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Amendment Request and Support Materials</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards</a></li> <li>d. <a href="#">ADE School Report Card Data</a></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Item I.(7).</b></p> <p><i>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to increase the grades served for the contract of Noah Webster Schools - Pima from K-6 to K-8, effective FY 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item J. Replication Application</b>—Discussion and possible action on a replication application from Heritage Academy, Inc.: <b>(Youtube at 2:15:53)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Executive Summary</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Replication Application and Support Materials</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Financial and Operational Performance</a></li> <li>d. <a href="#">ADE School Report Card Data</a></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Item J.</b></p> <p><i>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to grant the replication charter requested by Heritage Academy, Inc. to establish the school Heritage Academy Pointe, serving grades 7-12 with an enrollment cap of 1590.</i></p> <p><i>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item K. Transfer Application</b>—Discussion and possible action on a transfer application from Heritage Academy, Inc.: <b>(Youtube at 2:15:53)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Executive Summary</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Replication Application and Support Materials</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Financial and Operational Performance</a></li> <li>d. <a href="#">ADE School Report Card Data</a></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Item K.</b></p> <p><i>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on a review of the information provided by the representatives of the Charter Holder and the contents of the application package, to approve the transfer application package and grant a contract to Heritage Academy Maricopa, Inc., serving grades 6-12 with an enrollment cap of 930.</i></p> <p><i>Stephanie Bahr seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item L. Charter Renewal</b> - Discussion and possible action on the renewal application packages from the following Charter Holders: <b>(Youtube at 2:31:33)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy Davis Monthan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Executive Summary</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Renewal Application Package</a></li> <li>c. <a href="#">Renewal Summary Review</a></li> <li>d. <a href="#">ADE School Report Card Data</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Item L.(1).</b></p> <p><i>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on a review of the information provided by the representatives of the Charter Holder and the contents of the application package, to extend the Charter Holder's current contract through June 30, 2024, approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy Davis Monthan, effective July 1, 2024.</i></p>

- e. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
- f. [Renewal Final Report](#)

2. **Research Based Education Corporation**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- c. [Renewal Summary Review](#)
- d. [Academic Performance and ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Renewal Final Report](#)

3. **The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc.**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- c. [Renewal Summary Review](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Other Available Options](#)
- f. [Renewal Final Report](#)

4. **Vector School District, Inc.**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- c. [Renewal Summary Review](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
- f. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- g. [Charter Holder Additional Data](#)

*Carol Crockett seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz,  
Stratton, Klose)**

**Agenda Item L.(2).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on a review of the information provided by the representatives of the Charter Holder and the contents of the application package, to extend the Charter Holder's current contract through June 30, 2024, approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Research Based Education Corporation, effective July 1, 2024.*

*Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz,  
Stratton, Klose)**

**Agenda Item L.(3).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on a review of the information provided by the representatives of the Charter Holder and the contents of the application package, to extend the Charter Holder's current contract through June 30, 2024, approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc., effective July 1, 2024.*

*Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.*

**Motion Passed  
(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz,  
Stratton, Klose)**

**Agenda Item L.(4).**

*Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on a review of the information provided by the representatives of the Charter Holder and the contents of the application package, to extend the Charter Holder's current contract through June 30, 2024, approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Vector School District, Inc., effective July 1, 2024.*

*Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.*

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed</b> <b>(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item M. Compliance Matters</b>—Discussion and possible action <a href="#">(Youtube at 3:12:41)</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holder listed below is in breach of one or more provisions of their charter contract, and/or federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to meet the operational performance expectations set forth in the Board’s operational performance framework.</li> </ol> <p>If the Board determines that a breach may have occurred, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include issuing a notice of intent to revoke the charter pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-183(l)(3) and A.A.C. R7-5-403(F).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy</a></li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Agenda Item M.</b></p> <p><i>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to find that of Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy hereinafter referred to in this motion as the “Charter Holder”, has failed to meet the operational performance expectations set forth in the Board’s operational performance framework and has violated its charter contract and state and federal law. These failures and violations provide a sufficient basis to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the Charter Holder’s contract.</i></p> <p><i>However, the Board is authorized to exercise its legal discretion with regard to actions taken against a charter holder that is not in compliance with its charter, other obligations to the Board, and state and federal law. In an effort to bring the Charter Holder into compliance, the Board directs staff to work with legal counsel to develop a consent agreement that addresses the Charter Holder’s noncompliance with the Board’s operational performance expectations, its charter, and state and federal law. The Board further directs staff to bring the consent agreement back to the Board for consideration at a subsequent board meeting. If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the terms of the consent agreement developed by Board staff, then it is the Board’s decision that the Charter Holder be placed on a future agenda for a motion to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the Charter Holder’s charter contract for the reasons already specified.</i></p> <p><i>Timothy Stratton seconded the motion.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passed</b> <b>(Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Stratton, Klose)</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item N. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas</b> <a href="#">(Youtube at 3:34:56)</a></p>	<p>Recorded comments available</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item O. Adjournment</b></p>	
<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:36 p.m.</p>	