Arizona State Board for Charter Schools August 14, 2023

Virtual Board Meeting

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SUMMARY

Members Present- Hans-Dieter Klose – President, and Public Member who is a Resident of an Indian Reservation Jessica Montierth – Vice President, and Charter Operator Member (Arrived during Agenda Item C.) Wendy Miller - Superintendent Designee of Public Instruction Stephanie Bahr – Teacher Member Carol Crockett – Public Member Resides in a Neighborhood that Qualifies for National School Lunch Program Carlos Ruiz – Public Member James Swanson – Business Member	Members Absent- Eli Chmouni – Public Member Christina Foster – Public Member Timothy Stratton – Business Member
Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.	
Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence	Aarron Loya called the roll and confirmed a quorum.
Agenda Item C. Roll Call	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item D. Superintendent's Report (Youtube at 20:00)	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item E. Executive Director's Report (Youtube at 22:08)	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item F. Call to the Public	No public comments were made.
Agenda Item G. Consent Agenda (Youtube at 44:15) 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Board's meeting on May 8, 2023. 2. Charter Amendments—Consideration to approve amendments from the following charter holders that met the staff recommendation criteria:	Agenda Item G. Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Ruiz, Swanson, Klose)
a) Heritage Academy Gateway, Inc.— Enrollment Cap Amendment Request	

- i. Executive Summary
- ii. Amendment Request and Support Materials
- iii. <u>Financial and Operational</u> Performance Dashboards
- iv. ADE School Report Card Data
- 3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Operational Consent Agreement for Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy.
- 4. Consideration and possible action to approve the Assessment Consent Agreement for Maricopa County Community College District on behalf of Gateway Early College High School.
- 5. Consideration and possible action to approve revisions to the FY 2022 school-specific academic goals for Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc.
- 6. *Report required by A.A.C. R7-5-402(M) indicating the probation risk level assigned to each charter holder identified, subsequent to the May 8, 2023 Board meeting, as "On Probation" after having received two consecutive "Intervention" ratings under the Board's financial performance framework based on the fiscal years 2021 and 2022 audits.
- 7. Consideration and possible action to approve the Audit Consent Agreement for New Horizon School for the Performing Arts.

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

Youtube at 45:27

- 1. Co-Learn Club, Inc.—Charter Holder Status Change in Ownership
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. <u>Amendment Request and Support</u> Materials
 - c. <u>Financial and Operational</u> Performance Dashboards
 - d. ADE School Report Card Data

Agenda Item H.(1).

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the Charter Holder Status Amendment Request to change the ownership of the contract held by Co-Learn Club, Inc. to Colearn Academy Arizona.

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Ruiz, Swanson, Klose)

- 2. Morrison Education Group, Inc.—Charter Holder Status Change in Ownership
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. <u>Amendment Request and Support</u> Materials

Agenda Item H.(2).

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the Charter Holder Status Amendment Request to change the ownership of the contract held by Morrison Education Group, Inc. to Sun Valley Academy - Glendale, Inc. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Ruiz, Swanson, Klose)

Agenda Item I. Compliance Matters—Discussion and possible action (Youtube at 51:40)

 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.

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(I)(3) and A.A.C. R7-5-403(F).

a. Fit Kids, Inc.

Agenda Item I.

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to find that Fit Kids, Inc., 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.

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 discretion 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. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Ruiz, Swanson, Klose)

Agenda Item J. Financial Framework Subcommittee— Discussion and possible action to establish a Financial Framework Subcommittee to provide a recommendation to the full Board regarding whether changes should be made to the Board's Financial Performance Framework, focusing on the framework's measures, measure targets and measure calculations. (Youtube at 1:16:49)	Agenda Item J. Jessica Montierth Made the following motion: I move that the Board establish a Financial Framework Subcommittee to provide a recommendation to the full Board regarding the changes, if any, that should be made to the Board's Financial Performance Framework, focusing on the framework's measures, measure targets and measure calculations. I further move to appoint board members Wendy Miller, Carlos Ruiz, Timothy Stratton and James Swanson to serve on the Subcommittee. Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion Passed (Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Ruiz, Swanson, Klose)
Agenda Item K. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas (Youtube at 1:19:24)	Recorded comments available
Agenda Item L. Adjournment	
The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:03 a.m.	