

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
May 13, 2024
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In-Person Meeting

SUMMARY

<p>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 Wendy Miller - Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee Carol Crockett – Public Member, Resides in a Neighborhood that Qualifies for National School Lunch Program Carlos Ruiz – Public Member (Virtual) (Joined during Item E.) Christina Foster – Public Member Stephanie Bahr – Charter School Teacher Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 10:01 a.m.</p>	<p>Members Absent- Timothy Stratton – Business Member James Swanson – Business Member</p>
<p>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance (14:19)</p>	<p>Ashley Berg called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</p>	
<p>Agenda Item C. Roll Call (14:41)</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item D. Superintendent’s Report (16:35)- Update on current events and/or activities of the Arizona Department of Education.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item E. Executive Director’s Report (18:51)- a. 1. Update on approved amendments and</p>	<p>Carlos Ruiz joined the meeting during Item E.</p>

<p>termination agreements</p> <p>b. Introduction of new Board Staff</p> <p>c. Board Staff Update School Year 2023-2024</p>	<p>Carol Crockett made a comment. Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item F. Call to the Public (33:13)- This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.</p>	<p>Verbal comment made by Lynne Adams. Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item G. Consent Agenda (39:15)- All items on this agenda will be considered by a single motion with no discussion, unless requested otherwise by a board member.</p> <p>a. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Board’s meeting on March 11, 2024.</p> <p>b. Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed 2024 Audit Guidelines, Legal Compliance Questionnaire, USFRCS Compliance Questionnaire and Procurement Compliance Questionnaire.</p> <p>c. Consideration and possible action to not require the Compliance Statement of Assurance form to be submitted annually to the Board.</p> <p>d. Consideration and possible action to approve a Good Cause Suspension for The Eclectic School of Arizona</p> <p>e. Charter Amendment - Consideration and possible action to approve following the Amendment Requests, which met</p>	<p>Agenda Item G.</p> <p>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: <i>I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p> <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion Passed</p> <p>(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)</p>

the staff recommendation criteria:

- a. **Kaleidoscope School – Enrollment Cap Increase**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
 - iii. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)

- b. **Paragon Management, Inc. – New School and Enrollment Cap Increase**
(Materials to be posed at a later date)
 - i. Executive Summary
 - ii. Amendment Request and Support Materials
 - iii. Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards
 - iv. ADE School Report Card Data

Agenda Item H. Charter Amendment (39:54)-
Discussion and possible action on an Amendment Request from **American Leadership Academy, Inc.** for a New School and Enrollment Cap Increase *(Materials to be posted at a later date).*

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Amendment Request and Support Materials](#)
- c. [Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Other Available Options](#)
- f. [Comparison to Proposed Location](#)

Agenda Item H.

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: *I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the requests:*

1. *To add American Leadership Academy – Sierra Vista to the contract of American Leadership Academy, Inc., and*

2. *To increase the enrollment cap for the contract of American Leadership Academy, Inc. from*

16,000 to 20,000.

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Recorded comments are available.

Agenda Item I. Charter Renewal (55:36)-

Discussion and possible action on the renewal application packages from the following Charter Holders:

1. **Anthem Preparatory Academy**
 - a. [Executive Summary](#)
 - b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - c. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - d. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - e. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - f. [Renewal Final Report](#)
2. **Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center, Inc. (Entity ID 90779)**
 - a. [Executive Summary](#)
 - b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - c. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - e. [Renewal Final Report](#)
3. **Arizona Education Solutions**
 - a. [Executive Summary](#)
 - b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - c. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - e. [Renewal Preliminary Report](#)

Agenda Item I.(1)

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 charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Anthem Preparatory Academy, effective July 1, 2025.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)
(Recused: Bahr)

Agenda Item I.(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 approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center, Inc., Entity ID 90779, effective July 1, 2025.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster,

- f. [Additional Data Provided by the Charter Holder](#)

4. **BASIS Charter Schools, Inc. (Entity ID 90508)**

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

5. **Compass Points International, Inc.**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- c. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Renewal Final Report](#)

6. **Ed Ahead**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- c. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Renewal Final Report](#)

7. **Leading Edge Academy Maricopa**

- a. [Executive Summary](#)
- b. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- c. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
- d. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- e. [Renewal Final Report](#)

Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item I.(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 approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Arizona Education Solutions, effective July 1, 2025. I further move that the Charter Holder shall be subject to additional heightened monitoring by the board staff due to the D letter ratings. I know that you are going through a process there but I also understand that you are working on different options for reducing the ratio and making sure that you are meeting all of the students where they are, so super appreciate that just want to make sure there is heightened monitoring so that we are all on the same page and doing what is best for the kids.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Carol Crockett made a comment.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item I.(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 approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to BASIS Charter Schools, Inc., Entity ID 90508, effective July 1, 2025.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item I.(5)

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: *I move, based on a review of the of the application package, to approve the charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Compass Points International, Inc., effective July 1, 2025.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Jessica Montierth, Stephanie Bahr, Carol Crockett, Christina Foster and Hans-Dieter Klose made comments.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item I.(6)

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 charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Ed Ahead, effective July 1, 2025.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item I.(7)

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 charter renewal application package and grant a renewal contract to Leading Edge Academy Maricopa, effective July 1, 2025.

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item J. Compliance Matters(1:38:03)- 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(l)(3) and A.A.C. R7-5-403(F).

- i. [Academy of Tucson](#)
- ii. [Mountain Oak School, Inc.](#)

Recorded comments are available. **Agenda Item J.(f)**

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to find that Academy of Tucson 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 identified in today’s materials. The terms of the agreement shall be consistent with the terms set forth in previous consent agreements between the Board and other charter holders for failure to comply with the Board’s operational performance expectations.

I further move that the Board authorize the Board President to approve and sign the consent agreement executed by the Charter Holder without it being brought before the entire Board for approval at a subsequent meeting.

If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the

terms of the consent agreement developed by Board staff and the Board's legal counsel or an executed copy of the consent agreement, along with governing board minutes approving the consent agreement, are not received by the date specified 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.

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Carol Crockett, Jessica Montierth, and Hans-Dieter Klose made comments.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)

Agenda Item J.(ii)

Jessica Montierth made the following motion: I move to find that Mountain Oak School, 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 identified in today's materials. The terms of the agreement shall be consistent with the terms set forth in previous consent agreements between the Board and other charter holders for failure to comply with the Board's operational performance expectations.

	<p><i>I further move that the Board authorize the Board President to approve and sign the consent agreement executed by the Charter Holder without it being brought before the entire Board for approval at a subsequent meeting.</i></p> <p><i>If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the terms of the consent agreement developed by Board staff and legal counsel or an executed copy of the consent agreement, along with governing board minutes approving the consent agreement, are not received by the date specified 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>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p>Jessica Montierth, Wendy Miller, Carol Crockett, and Christina Foster made comments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Foster, Ruiz, Klose)</p> <p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item K. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas (2:02:24)- The executive director, presiding officer or a member of the Board may present a brief summary of current events pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) and may discuss future meeting dates and direct staff to place matters on a future agenda. The Board will not discuss or take action on any current event summary.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item L. Adjournment</p>	
<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 am.</p>	