

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
January 7, 2025
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In-Person/Hybrid Meeting

<p><u>Members Present-</u></p> <p>Jessica Montierth – President, and Charter Operator Member Hans-Dieter Klose – Vice President, and Public Member who is a Resident of an Indian Reservation Wendy Miller - Superintendent of Public Instruction Designee Carlos Ruiz – Public Member (Virtual) Carol Crockett – Public Member Resides in a Neighborhood that Qualifies for National School Lunch Program Christina Foster – Public Member (Virtual) James Swanson – Business Member Binky Michele Jones- Alternative Charter Operator</p> <p>Meeting began at 10:06 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Members Absent-</u></p> <p>Timothy Stratton – Business Member Stephanie Bahr – Teacher Member</p>
<p>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance (13:21)</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item C. Roll Call (15:40)</p>	<p>Ashley Berg called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>*Agenda Item D. Election of Officers (16:31)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item D.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>I move to approve Jessica Montierth as President of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, effective immediately.</i></p> <p>Wendy Miller seconded the motion.</p> <p>Jessica Montierth recused herself from the vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p>

	<p>(Aye: Klose, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson) (Recused: Montierth)</p> <p>James Swanson made a comment.</p> <p>Agenda Item D.</p> <p>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: <i>I motion to approve Hans Dieter-Klose as Vice-President.</i></p> <p>James Swanson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose recused himself from the vote and made a comment.</p> <p>Motion Passed</p> <p>(Aye: Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson, Montierth) (Recused: Klose)</p> <p>James Swanson made a comment.</p>
<p>Agenda Item E. Superintendent’s Report (18:44)- Update on current events and/or activities of the Arizona Department of Education.</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item F. Executive Director’s Report (20:55)-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information on Public Comment Period for New Charter Application 2. Update on Approved Amendments and Termination Agreements 3. Update on Board Legal Actions 	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item G. Call to the Public (24:23)- 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>No written public comment was received.</p> <p>Tene Layman made a verbal comment regarding Agenda Item K.</p> <p>Monica Nolan made a verbal comment regarding Agenda Item K.</p> <p>Tacey Clayton Cundy made a verbal comment regarding Agenda Item K.</p>

	Rachel Cardona Barnett made a verbal comment.
<p>Agenda Item H. Consent Agenda (34:21)- All items on this agenda will be considered by a single motion with no discussion, unless requested otherwise by a board member.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Board’s meeting on December 16, 2024. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item H.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p> <p>Wendy Miller seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Klose, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson, Montierth)</p>
<p>Agenda Item I. Charter Amendment (35:08)- Discussion and possible action on Amendment Requests from the following Charter Holder:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harvest Power Community Development Group, Inc.—Enrollment Cap Increase <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Executive Summary ii. Amendment Request and Support Materials iii. Financial and Operational Performance Dashboards iv. ADE School Report Card Data 	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item I.(1.)</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to increase the enrollment cap for the contract of Harvest Power Community Development Group, Inc. from 1700 to 2100, beginning in FY 2025.</i></p> <p>Binky Michele Jones seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Klose, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson, Montierth)</p>
<p>*Agenda Item J. Rulemaking (46:57) - Discussion, possible action and the second opportunity for public comment on technical changes to rules pertaining to the Board’s performance frameworks and other rules found in the Notice of Final Exempt Rulemaking.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item J.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>I move to approve the Notice of Final Exempt Rulemaking, hereafter referred to as the “Notice”, found in the Board materials and presented today and direct staff to update paragraph 11 of the Notice’s Preamble to reflect today’s second opportunity for public comment and to file the Notice with the Secretary of State’s office for publication. To ensure its timely publication, the Board authorizes staff to make any technical or formatting changes to the Notice as required by the Secretary of State’s office.</i></p>

	<p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Klose, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson, Montierth)</p>
<p>Agenda Item K. New Charter Application (50:20)</p> <p>—Discussion and possible action on the application package for a new charter from Meridian Preparatory Academy, Inc. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Board may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal consultation and advice concerning this agenda item.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary of New Information Provided by the Applicant 2. Executive Summary 3. Recommendation Report & Scoring Rubric 4. Submitted Application Package 5. Interview Recording 	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Session</p> <p>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: <i>I move to enter into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice from the Board’s attorney concerning this agenda item.</i></p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Klose, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson, Montierth)</p> <p>The Board entered into executive session.</p> <p>When the Board returned from executive session, Ashley Berg did a roll call and confirmed a quorum.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item K.</p> <p>Jessica Montierth made the following motion: <i>Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Meridian Preparatory Academy, Inc. and with the information provided by representatives of Meridian Preparatory Academy, Inc. during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to reject the application package and deny Meridian Preparatory Academy, Inc.’s request for a charter based on advice from legal counsel and for the reasons that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The original application package failed to meet the Board’s criteria for</i>

	<p><i>substantive completeness; and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The Operational package lacked clarity and contained inconsistencies.</i> <p>James Swanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Klose, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Swanson, Montierth)</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made a comment. Carol Crockett made a comment. Jessica Montierth made a comment.</p>
<p>Agenda Item L. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas—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. (1:37:38)</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item M. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35am.</p>