

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
April 1, 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 (Virtual) 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 Binky Michele Jones- Alternative Charter Operator Christina Foster – Public Member (Virtual) James Swanson – Business Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 10:02 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 (14:20)</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 (14:50)</p>	<p>Ashley Berg called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda Item D. Superintendent’s Report (16:50)- 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 (18:42)-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Approved Amendments and Termination Agreements 2. Update on Board Legal Actions 	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item F. Call to the Public (20:20)- 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,</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>

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.

[Written Public Comment Received](#)

Agenda Item G. Consent Agenda (21:13)- All items on this agenda will be considered by a single motion with no discussion, unless requested otherwise by a board member.

1. [Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Board's meeting on March 4, 2025](#)

2. **Charter Renewal—**

1. Consideration to approve amendments from the following charter holders that met the staff recommendation criteria:

a. **BASIS Charter Schools, Inc. (Entity ID 90842)**

- i. [Executive Summary](#)
- ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
- iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
- v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)

b. **BASIS Charter Schools, Inc. (Entity ID 90862)**

- i. [Executive Summary](#)
- ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
- iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
- iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
- v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)

Agenda Item G.

Hans- Dieter Klose made the following motion: *I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

James Swanson seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)

Recorded comments are available.

- c. **BASIS Charter Schools, Inc.**
(Entity ID 90841)
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 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- d. **Legacy Traditional School – Avondale**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - vi. [Renewal Final Reportt](#)
- e. **Legacy Traditional School – Chandler**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- f. **Legacy Traditional School – Northwest Tucson**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)

- v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- g. **Kaizen Education Foundation dba Havasu Preparatory Academy**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- h. **Pima Rose Academy, Inc.**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - v. [Renewal Final Report](#)

Agenda Item H. Charter Renewal (22:18)-

Consideration to approve renewal applications from the following charter holders that did not meet the staff recommendation criteria:

- a. **Kaizen Education Foundation dba Mission Heights Preparatory High School (22:18)**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- b. **South Phoenix Academy, Inc. (28:36)**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)
 - iii. [Charter Holder Dashboards](#)
 - iv. [Associated Schools and Charters](#)
 - v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
 - vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)
- c. **South Valley Academy, Inc. (35:49)**

Agenda Item H.(1.)(a)

Hans-Dieter Klose 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 Kaizen Education Foundation dba Mission Heights Preparatory High School, effective July 1, 2026.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Executive Summary ii. Renewal Application Package iii. Charter Holder Dashboards iv. Associated Schools and Charters v. ADE School Report Card Data vi. Renewal Final Report 	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item H.(1.)(b)</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>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 South Phoenix Academy, Inc., effective July 1, 2026.</i></p> <p>James Swanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item H.(1.)(c)</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>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 South Valley Academy, Inc., effective July 1, 2026.</i></p> <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p> <p>James Swanson made a comment.</p>
<p>Agenda Item I. Compliance Matters (2:16:02)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item I.(1.)(a)</p>

1. The Board will receive information regarding the schools within its portfolio that were assigned an “F” letter for FY 2024 by the Arizona Department of Education.

The Board is required to take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include issuing a notice of intent to revoke the failing school’s charter or entering into a consent agreement to restore the failing school to acceptable performance. A.R.S. § 15-241.02(I), A.A.C. R7-5-602, R7-5-606, R7-5-607.

- a. [Imagine Superstition Middle, Inc. \(44:59\)](#)

2. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holders identified below are in breach of one or more provisions of their charter contracts and/or state law regarding their failure to meet the minimum financial performance expectations set forth in the Board’s Financial Performance Framework after having been identified as “On Probation” and assigned to Probation Risk Level One.

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 or entering

Binky Michele Jones made the following motion: *I move to find that, due to one or more schools operated by Imagine Superstition Middle, Inc. having been assigned an “F” letter grade for Fiscal Year 2024, there is 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 assigned an “F” letter grade. In effort to restore the failing schools to acceptable performance, the Board moves to enter into a consent agreement that includes the same terms and provisions as the Letter Grade Consent Agreement adopted by the Board in December 2024.

If the Imagine Superstition Middle, Inc. , hereinafter referred to as the “Charter Holder”, chooses not to accept the terms of the Letter Grade Consent Agreement or an executed copy of the consent agreement, along with governing board minutes approving the consent agreement, are not received 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.

James Swanson seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)

into a consent agreement to bring the charter holder into compliance. A.R.S. § 15-183(I)(3), A.A.C. R7-5-402(J)(1).

- a. **Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. (01:15:02)**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Quarterly Financial Reports](#)
 - iii. [Audits](#)
 - iv. [Charter Holder Profile](#)
- b. **Ha:san Educational Services (01:31:43)**
 - i. [Executive Summary](#)
 - ii. [Quarterly Financial Reports](#)
 - iii. [Audits](#)
 - iv. [Charter Holder Profile](#)

Agenda Item I.(2.)(a)

Binky Michele Jones made the following motion: *I move to find that Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. hereinafter referred to in this motion as the "Charter Holder," has failed to meet the financial performance expectations set forth in the Board's financial performance framework and has violated its charter contract and state 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 and state law. In an effort to bring the Charter Holder into compliance, the Board moves to enter into a consent agreement that includes the same terms and provisions as the Financial Performance Consent Agreement adopted by the Board in March 2025.

If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the terms of the Financial Performance Consent Agreement 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.

Motion Passed

(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)

Agenda Item 1.(2.)(b)

Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: *I move to find that Ha:san Educational Services hereinafter referred to in this motion as the "Charter Holder," has failed to meet the financial performance expectations set forth in the Board's financial performance framework and has violated its charter contract and state 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 and state law. In an effort to bring the Charter Holder into compliance, the Board moves to enter into a consent agreement that includes the same terms and provisions as the Financial Performance Consent Agreement adopted by the Board in March 2025.

If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the terms of the Financial Performance Consent Agreement 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

	<p><i>charter contract for the reasons already specified.</i></p> <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Foster, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p> <p>Jessica Montierth made a comment.</p>
<p>Agenda Item J. 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. (01:46:15)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item J.</p> <p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item K. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:34 am.</p>