

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
May 6, 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 Binky Michele Jones- Alternative Charter Operator Stephanie Bahr – Teacher Member James Swanson – Business Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 10:05 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Members Absent-</u></p> <p>Timothy Stratton – Business Member Christina Foster – Public Member</p>
Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance (1:25)	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item C. Roll Call (1:58)	Ashley Berg called the roll and confirmed a quorum.
Agenda Item D. Superintendent’s Report (4:15)- Update on current events and/or activities of the Arizona Department of Education.	Recorded comments are available.
<p>Agenda Item E. Executive Director’s Report (6:29)-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Approved Amendments and Termination Agreements 2. Update on Board Legal Actions 3. Update on New Charter Applications for the current application cycle 4. Updates to the ASBCS Online System 	Recorded comments are available.

<p>5. Introduction by Annabella Villanueva – ASBCS Project Assistant Intern</p>	
<p>Agenda Item F. Call to the Public (15:04)-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>a. Written Public Comment Received</p>	<p>Written public comment was included in the posted Board agenda along with the materials. There was no verbal public comment at the meeting.</p>
<p>Agenda Item G. Consent Agenda (15:32)- 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 April 1, 2025. 2. Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed 2025 Audit Guidelines, Legal Compliance Questionnaire, USFRCS Compliance Questionnaire and Procurement Compliance Questionnaire 3. Charter Renewal—Consideration and possible action on the renewal application packages from the following charter holders that met the staff recommendation criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Archway Classical Academy Chandler <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Executive Summary ii. Renewal Application Package iii. Charter Holder Dashboards iv. Associated Schools and Charters 	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item G.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.</i></p> <p>Jim Swanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recused: Bahr)</p> <p>Recorded comments are available.</p>

- v. [ADE School Report Card Data](#)
- vi. [Renewal Final Report](#)

**b. Archway Classical Academy
Scottsdale**

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**c. Archway Classical Academy
Trivium West**

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**d. Archway Classical Academy
Veritas**

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e. La Tierra Community School

- i. [Executive Summary](#)
- ii. [Renewal Application Package](#)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Charter Holder Dashboards iv. ADE School Report Card Data v. Renewal Final Report <p>f. Trivium Preparatory Academy</p> <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>4. Charter Amendment— Consideration and possible action on a New School Amendment Request from Desert Heights Charter Schools:</p> <ul 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>Agenda Item H. Replication Application (16:46)- Discussion and possible action on a Replication Application from the following Charter Holder:</p> <p>1. Southwest Leadership Academy</p> <ul 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 H.(1.)</p> <p>Binky Michele Jones made the following motion: <i>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 Southwest Leadership Academy to establish the school, Desert Mountain Academy, in Queen Creek serving grades 9-12 with an enrollment cap of 250.</i></p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose seconded the motion.</p>

	<p>Motion Passed</p> <p>(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item I. Charter Renewal (33:24)</p> <p>Discussion and possible action on the renewal application from the following charter holder that did not meet the staff recommendation criteria:</p> <p>1. Pima Prevention Partnership (Entity ID #90536)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive Summary b. Renewal Application Package c. Charter Holder Dashboards d. ADE School Report Card Data e. Renewal Final Report 	<p>Agenda Item I.(1.)</p> <p>Binky Michele Jones 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 Pima Prevention Partnership (Entity ID #90536), effective July 1, 2026.</i></p> <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion Passed</p> <p>(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item J. Compliance Matters—Discussion and possible action (38:19)</p> <p>1. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holders listed below are in breach of one or more provisions of their charter contracts and/or federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to timely submit complete fiscal year 2024 single audits in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 15-183(E) and 15-914.</p> <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 withholding up to 10% of the monthly apportionment of state aid and requiring a corrective action plan, issuing</p>	<p>Agenda Item J. (1.)</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: <i>I move to find that CPLC Community Schools Entity ID 4300, Entity ID 80032 and Entity ID 90331 are not in compliance with state law and the charter contract due to their failure to timely submit a complete fiscal year 2024 audit and to approve withholding 10% of the charter holders' monthly state aid apportionment until a complete fiscal year 2024 audit is submitted to the Board.</i></p> <p>Stephanie Bahr seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion Passed</p> <p>(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose made a comment.</p>

a notice of intent to revoke the charter or entering into a consent agreement to bring the charter holder into compliance. A.R.S. § 15-185(H), A.A.C. R7-5-601(D) and R7-5-605.

First Year Late (38:27)

- a. CPLC Community Schools (Entity ID 4300) (submitted incomplete audit reporting package)
- b. CPLC Community Schools (Entity ID 80032) (submitted incomplete audit reporting package)
- c. CPLC Community Schools (Entity ID 90331) (submitted incomplete audit reporting package)

2. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holders listed below are in breach of one or more provisions of their charter contracts and/or federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to timely submit the fiscal year 2024 audit in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 15-183(E) and 15-914.

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 into a consent agreement to bring the charter holder into compliance. A.R.S. § 15-183(I)(3), A.A.C. R7-5-601(D).

- a. Imagine Avondale Middle, Inc.(47:33)

Jessica Montierth made a comment.

Agenda Item J. (2.)(a)

Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: *I move to find Imagine Avondale Middle, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Charter Holder", has failed to timely submit its fiscal year 2024 audit and, therefore, 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 charter 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 directs staff to work with legal counsel to develop a consent agreement that addresses the Charter Holder's noncompliance with the Board's audit submission requirements, its charter contract, and state law and includes the audit-related provisions identified in the meeting materials.

If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the terms of the consent agreement, 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, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)

Jessica Montierth made a comment.

Agenda Item J. (2.)(b)

b. [Rosefield Charter Elementary School, Inc.](#)(59:36)

3. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holder identified below is in breach of one or more provisions of its charter contract and/or state law regarding its 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 into a consent agreement to bring the charter holder into compliance. A.R.S. § 15-183(l)(3), A.A.C. R7-5-402(J)(1).

a. **The Griffin Foundation, Inc.**(01:04:24)

- i. [Executive Summary](#)
- ii. [Quarterly Financial Reports](#)
- iii. [Audits](#)
- iv. [Charter Holder Profile](#)
- v. [ASRS-Related Documentation](#)

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

Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: *I move to find Rosefield Charter Elementary School, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Charter Holder", has failed to timely submit its fiscal year 2024 audit and, therefore, 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 charter 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 directs staff to work with legal counsel to develop a consent agreement that addresses the Charter Holder's noncompliance with the Board's audit submission requirements, its charter contract, and state law and includes the audit-related provisions identified in the meeting materials. If the Charter Holder chooses not to accept the terms of the consent agreement, 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, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)

Jessica Montierth made a comment.

public, for legal consultation and advice concerning this agenda item.

4. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holder identified below is in breach of one or more provisions of its executed Operational Consent Agreement, and state and federal law. If the Board determines that a breach has occurred, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, including revocation of the charter contract. A.A.C. R7-5-501 and R7-5-601.

Additionally, the Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the charter holder identified 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 for having received two measures rated "Falls Far Below Standard". If the Board determines that a breach has 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. A.R.S. § 15-183(I)(3), A.A.C. R7-5-403, R7-5-501 and R7-5-601

- a. [Mountain Oak School, Inc.\(01:57:22\)](#)

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.

Agenda Item J. (3.)(a)

Executive Session

Carlos Ruiz made the following motion: *I move to enter into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice from the Board's attorney concerning this agenda item.*

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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

The Board entered into executive session. When the Board returned from executive session, Ashley Berg did a roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Hans-Dieter Klose made the following motion: *I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter contract of The Griffin Foundation, Inc. for failure to meet the financial performance expectations set forth in the Board's financial performance framework and violations of its charter and state law. The Griffin Foundation, Inc. is hereby given notice that it must comply with the requirements set forth in administrative rule regarding notice to the School, staff, parents and guardians of the Notice of Intent to Revoke and with required submissions to the Board.*

Jim Swanson seconded the motion.

Motion Passed

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

Jessica Montierth made a comment.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item J. (4.)(a)</p> <p>James Swanson made the following motion: <i>I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter contract of Mountain Oak School, Inc. for failure to meet the operational performance expectations set forth in the Board’s operational performance framework, violation of its charter and state and federal law, and breach of the consent agreement fully executed by the Charter Holder and the Board on October 18, 2024. Mountain Oak School, Inc. is hereby given notice that it must comply with the requirements set forth in administrative rule regarding notice to the School, staff, parents and guardians of the Notice of Intent to Revoke and with required submissions to the Board.</i></p> <p>Carlos Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</p> <p>Jessica Montierth made a comment. Wendy Miller made a comment. Binky Michele Jones made a comment. James Swanson made a comment.</p>
<p>Agenda Item K. Amendment Revisions (02:53:08)—Discussion, second opportunity for public comment, and consideration of approval of revisions to amendment requirements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item K.</p> <p>Hans Dieter Klose made the following motion:<i>I move that the Board adopt the revisions to the Amendment Revisions as presented to the Board today and found in the materials for today’s Board meeting, and direct staff to make necessary technical or formatting changes to documentation necessary for clarity, consistency, or readability. The revised</i></p>

	<p><i>amendment instructions and requests will go into effect July 1, 2025.</i></p> <p>Stephanie Bahr seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion Passed</p> <p>(Aye: Montierth, Miller, Bahr, Crockett, Jones, Ruiz, Klose, Swanson)</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. (02:57:23)</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item M. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:03 pm.</p>