# Arizona State Board for Charter Schools August 13, 2012 1616 West Adams Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Suite 170

## **SUMMARY**

Members Present-	Members Absent
Jake Logan- President	Rep. Yee- Advisory Member
Peter Bezanson- Vice President	
Stacey Morley- Superintendent's Designee	
Ruby Alvarado-Hernandez- Public Member	
Mark Anderson- Business Member	
Norm Butler- Public Member	
Janna Day- Public Member	
Tim Eyerman- Charter School Teacher	
Royce Jenkins- Reservation Resident Member	
Todd Juhl- Public Member	
Kathy Senseman- Public Member	
Meeting began at 1:18 p.m.	
Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance	
Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence	
Agenda Item C. Roll Call	Bianca Ulibarri called the roll and confirmed a quorum.
Agenda Item D. Call to the Public	The following individual(s) addressed the Board. Eileen Sigmund, Ken Jackson and Sandra Reid Recorded comments are available. Stephen McCarty, Regina Saldana, Frank Dawson, Cinoa Firestone, and Rand Blunck commented during item I (2).
Agenda Item E. Superintendent's Report	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item F. Executive Director's Report	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item G. Consent Agenda	
Consideration to approve charter holder amendment	MOTION
requests.	Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move
a. Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley– Procurement	to approve the Consent Agenda G (1) items A-H
Laws Exception	and G (2).
b. Edkey, Inc Pathfinder Academy – Change in Charter	Ruby Alvarado-Hernandez seconded the motion.
Holder Status	Motion passed unanimously
c. Edkey, Inc Sequoia Ranch School – Change in Charter	
Holder Status	
d. Graysmark Schools Corporation – Procurement Laws	
Exception	
e. Legacy Traditional Charter School (Entity 91763) –	
Procurement Laws and USFRCS Exceptions	

- f. Pima Prevention Partnership (Entity 90536) USFRCS Exception
- g. Sunnyside Charter and Montessori School Change in Instructional Days
- Westwind Children's Services Change in Charter
   Mission
- 2. Consideration to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Metropolitan Arts Institute.

#### Items taken out of order

## Agenda Item M. Surrender Agreement

- 1. Arizona Academy of Leadership, Inc.
- 2. Caliber College Prep High School (South), Inc.
- 3. Career Success High School Mesa
- 4. E.Q. Scholars, Inc.
- 5. Twenty First Century Charter Schools, Inc. (Entity 79682)
- 6. Vicki A. Romero High School

#### **MOTION**

Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move to accept the surrender agreements indicated in item M (1-6).

Ruby Alvarado-Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

# **Agenda Item H. Renewal Application-** Sequoia Choice Schools, LLLP.

#### **MOTION**

Norm Butler made the following motion: I move that, based upon a review of the information provided by the representatives of the charter holder and the contents of the application package which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the charter holder over the charter term, the Board has sufficient basis to deny the request of Sequoia Choice Schools, LLLP for the renewal of its charter on the following grounds:

1. Failed to provide a learning environment that improves pupil achievement in accordance with A.R.S. §15-181;

All that taken into consideration, the Board will grant a renewal contract that includes a performance management plan that, when reviewed by staff using the evaluation instrument, demonstrates a well described plan with a timeline that includes implementation beginning in the fall of the 2012-2013 school year. If Sequoia Choice Schools, LLLP is unwilling to agree to these provisions and a performance management plan as described is not received within 20 business days of today's date, then it is the Board's decision that Sequoia Choice Schools, LLLP's request for renewal of its charter be denied for the reasons already specified.

Ruby Alvarado-Hernandez seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

## Agenda Item I. Charter Renewal Application Reconsideration

1. Integrity Education Incorporated

# 2. StarShine Academy Continue of Call to the Public

#### MOTION

Peter Bezanson made the following motion: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the charter holder. In this case, there is a record of academic performance below the Board's level of adequate academic performance, which has been addressed by the charter holder through the inclusion of a performance management plan as part of the renewal application package and can be incorporated in the charter contract. There is also a record of past contractual noncompliance which has been reviewed. With that taken into consideration, as well as the information provided to the Board on June 11 and today for consideration of this renewal application package, and during its discussion with representatives of the charter holder, I move to reverse the previous decision and approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Integrity Education Incorporated that incorporates the performance management plan. Ruby Alvarado-Hernandez seconded the motion.

#### Motion passed unanimously

### **MOTION**

Ruby Alvarado-Hernandez made the following motion: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the charter holder. In this case, there is a record of academic performance below the Board's level of adequate academic performance, which has been addressed by the charter holder through the inclusion of a performance management plan as part of the renewal application package and can be incorporated in the charter contract. There is also a record of past contractual noncompliance which has been reviewed. With that taken into consideration, as well as the information provided to the Board on May 14 and today for consideration of this renewal application package, and during its discussion with representatives of the charter holder, I move to reverse the previous decision and approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to StarShine Academy that incorporates the performance management plan.

Mark Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion not passed through majority vote (7-4) (No: Bezanson, Butler, Day, Eyerman, Juhl, Senseman, Logan)

Items taken out of order	MOTION
Agenda Item L. Compliance Matters- Founding Fathers Academies, Inc.	Todd Juhl made the following motion: I move, based upon new information contained in the staff report and provided today, that the Board proceed in issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter contract of Founding Fathers Academies, Inc. on the basis of its failure to comply with its charter contract and state law when it failed to provide a learning environment that improves pupil achievement in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-181(A). I further move that the remainder of the Board's July 9, 2012 motion regarding the withholding of 10% of Founding Fathers Academies, Inc.'s monthly State aid apportionment until its demonstration of compliance be affirmed.  Peter Bezanson seconded the motion.  Motion passed through majority vote (9-2) (No: Morley, Alvarado-Hernandez)
Agenda Item J. Financial Performance Framework	MOTION Stacey Morley made the following motion: I move to approve the Financial Performance Framework and the Financial Performance Framework and Guidance documents as presented. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
Agenda Item K. Charter Renewal Application Instructions Modifications	MOTION  Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move to approve the Renewal Application Instructions as presented at the meeting for implementation beginning with those charter holders that will be notified of their eligibility to apply for renewal in October 2012.  Janna Day seconded the motion.  Motion passed unanimously
Items taken out of order Agenda Item N. Board Comments and Future Meeting Dates	Recorded comments are available.
Agenda Item O. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:21 p.m.	