

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**

**August 17, 2015**

**1616 West Adams Street**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

**Suite 170**

**SUMMARY**

<p><b>Members Present-</b>                  Janna Day - President                  Kathy Senseman - Vice President                  Ashley Berg - Superintendent Designee                  Peter Bezanson - Charter School Operator                  Carol Crockett - Public Member                  Aracely Espinoza - Charter School Teacher                  Royce Jenkins - Reservation Resident Member                  Jake Logan - Business Member (left for the day after item M (2).                  Matthew Mason - Business Member                  Freddy Mendoza - Public Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Members Absent-</b>                  Greta Mayans - Public Member</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Item C. Roll Call</b></p>	<p>Bianca Ulibarri called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item D. Remarks by Governor Doug Ducey</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item E. Call to the Public</b></p>	<p>The following individual(s) addressed the Board. Glen Hammer, Joe Geusic and Erik Frances. Tamara Becker, Kris Johnson, Ildi Laczko-Kerr, Amy Schlessman, Robin Kauakahi and Rodney James addressed the Board during item P. Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item F. Arizona Charter Schools Association Update</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item G. Arizona Alternative Education Consortium Update</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item H. Superintendent's Report</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item I. Executive Director's Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of charters with previous and/or on-going board actions: Founding Fathers Academies, Inc.; The Griffin Foundation, Inc.; Ha:san Educational Services; Montessori House, Inc.; Omega Alpha Academy</li> <li>2. Follow-up to the Study Session                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update on FY 2017 Budget Request, 5-Year Strategic Plan Master List submission</li> <li>b. Presentation on historical charter school performance</li> <li>c. Academic Performance Framework subcommittee</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>



	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Aracely Espinoza made the following motion: I move to approve the request for a temporary suspension of operation for the 2015-2016 school year for Mosaica Preparatory Academy of Chandler operated by Ahwatukee Foothills Prep for the reason that they have done well in the past showing good framework and letter grade and that there is promise that teachers and students will return.</p> <p>Ashley Berg seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion not passed through majority vote (4-4)</b>  (No: Senseman, Crockett, Mason, Mendoza)  (Recused: Bezanson)  (Break Taken: Day)</p> <p><b>No action taken on this item.</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item M. Request to Expand Operations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mohave Accelerated Elementary School, Inc. – Request to increase the enrollment cap from 450 to 550.</li>   <li>2. The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. – Request to change the grades served at a specific site to add grade.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the request of Mohave Accelerated Elementary School to be eligible to submit an Enrollment Cap Notification Request to increase the enrollment cap to 550 with a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress that includes benchmark data and undergo a site visit based on the evaluation of the FY2015 DSP. Following their submission, the results of Board staff’s review of these items will be provided to the Board for its consideration of Mohave Accelerated Elementary School, Inc.’s expansion requests.</p> <p>Kathy Senseman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the request of The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. to be eligible to submit a Site Specific Change in Grades Served Notification Request to add grade 7 with a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.</p> <p>Kathy Senseman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item N. Charter Amendment and Notification</b></p> <p><b>Items taken out of order.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The Odyssey Preparatory Academy, Inc. – Site specific change in grades served</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request to add 7th grade to the grades served by Odyssey Preparatory Academy – Casa Grande, for the reasons</p>

<p>1. Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc. – Adding grade levels</p>	<p>that the current Casa Grande site has academic results higher than the median in the local that they serve, with the understanding that the only students that will be served in 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year will be the students continuing from 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the same site. Kathy Senseman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: Charter expansion is based on consideration of academic and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, as a school in its first year of operation, the Charter Holder did not have State assessment data available. Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the academic performance of the Charter Holder, the Board has sufficient basis to deny the request due to the Charter Holder’s failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board’s academic expectations set forth in the academic performance framework as reflected in the Staff Report, the Inventory Documents, and the DSP Final Evaluation. The Charter Holder was not able to provide evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive curriculum system. Additionally, the data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder did not demonstrate the capacity to provide comparative data generated from valid and reliable assessment sources for all required measures. However, the Charter Holder was able to provide evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive assessment system, a comprehensive instructional monitoring system, and a comprehensive professional development system. All that taken into consideration, I move to approve the request to add grade levels for the charter contract of Arizona Autism Charter School to include sixth grade, for the reasons that the school serves a unique target population and that there’s demonstrated capacity among the school leadership in success in serving that student population academically. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b> (Break Taken: Day)</p>
<p>2. Arizona Language Preparatory – Adding grade levels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: Charter expansion is based on consideration of academic and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, as a K-4 school in its first year of operation, the Charter Holder did not have State assessment data available. Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the</p>

<p><b>Break taken from 12:24 pm. to 12:36 pm.</b></p>	<p>academic performance of the Charter Holder, the Board has sufficient basis to deny the request due to the Charter Holder’s failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board’s academic expectations set forth in the academic performance framework as reflected in the Staff Report, the Inventory Documents, and the DSP Final Evaluation. The Charter Holder was not able to provide evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive curriculum system. However, the Charter Holder was able to provide evidence through the DSP site visit that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive assessment system, comprehensive instructional monitoring system, and comprehensive professional development system. Additionally that the data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder demonstrated the capacity to provide comparative data generated from valid and reliable assessment sources for all required measures. All that taken into consideration, I move to approve the request to add grades 5 and 6 to the charter contract of Arizona Language Preparatory. Royce Jenkins seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b> (Break Taken: Day)</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item O. Charter Renewal</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The renewal application package for North Star Charter School, Inc.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal, and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, the Charter holder did not meet the academic performance expectation set forth in the Board’s Performance Framework but was able to demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board’s expectations when it provided evidence that it has implemented an improvement plan that includes a comprehensive curriculum system, comprehensive assessment system, comprehensive instructional monitoring system, a comprehensive professional development system, and a system for ensuring students in grades 9-12 graduate on time. Additionally, valid and reliable data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder demonstrates improved academic performance. With that taken into consideration, as well as having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the renewal portfolio which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder provided to the Board for consideration of this request for charter renewal, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to North Star Charter School, Inc.</p>

