

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
December 10, 2018
1535 West Jefferson Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
State Board of Education Board Room
SUMMARY**

<p>Members Present- Kathy Senseman - President Rachel Yanof - Vice President (Joined during item F, left during item M Executive Session) Diane Douglas – Superintendent (left for the day during item L(1)) Charles Tack – Superintendent’s Designee (joined during item L(1)) Carol Crockett - Public Member Hans-Dieter Klose - Reservation Resident Member Mary Ellen Lee - Charter School Teacher Matthew Mason - Business Member (joined during item L(4)) Freddy Mendoza - Public Member (left in person during L(10) joined telephonically during item L(10)) Justan Rice - Public Member (telephonic) James Swanson - Business Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:02 a.m.</p>	<p>Members Absent- Erik Twist - Charter School Operator</p>
<p>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</p> <p>Agenda Item C. Roll Call</p>	<p>Alexis Rico called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda Item D. Superintendent’s Report</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item E. Executive Director’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of Board actions and legal matters 2. Staffing changes 	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item F. Call to the Public</p>	<p>The following individual(s) addressed the Board: Samara Van Dijk, Jasmine Rivas, Jim Hall, Christian Price, Scott Holmes, Brenda Holmes, Dayu Morgan, Terrell Hoffman, Sarah Morgan, Lee Feiles, Chris Davis, Melissa McKibben, Katie Torris, Anita Chathadi, and Katie Hooten addressed the Board.</p>
<p>Agenda Item G. Consent Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration to approve the proposed Voluntary Surrender and Charter Termination Agreement for Camino Montessori 2. Consideration to approve a change in legal status for LEAD Charter Schools dba Leading Edge Academy Queen Creek. 	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Freddy Mendoza made the following motion: I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. Rachel Yanof seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Douglas, Crockett, Klose, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson) (Recused: Lee)</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Douglas, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item J. Transparency Recommendations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: I move that the Board adopt the recommendations to promote transparency as presented. Further, for the three recommendations that require incorporation in rule, I direct staff to move forward under the Board’s adopted procedures with administrative rulemaking at the same time as the rulemaking for the financial framework. Hans-Dieter Klose seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Douglas, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item K. Compliance Matters - 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 contract, federal, state, or local laws regarding their failure to meet the timeframes established for the timely submission of the annual financial audit in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-183(E)(6).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>First Year Late</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Center for Creative Education, Inc. 2. Flagstaff Montessori, L.L.C. 3. Montessori Day Public Schools, Chartered 4. Park View School, Inc. 5. PLC Arts Academy at Scottsdale, Inc. 6. Vision Charter School, Inc. 	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: I move to find that charter holders items K.2, K.3, K.5, K.6 are in noncompliance with state law and their charter contracts for their failure to submit their annual financial statement and compliance audits and approve withholding 10% of each charter holder’s monthly state aid appointment until a complete fiscal year 2018 audit is submitted to the Board. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Douglas, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item L. New Charter Applications</p> <p>Items taken out of order</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A+ Charter Schools 	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>James Swanson made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for A+ Charter Schools and the information provided by representatives of A+ Charter Schools during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to A+ Charter Schools to establish A+ Charter Schools to serve grades 7 through 12. Freddy Mendoza seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recused: Lee)</p>

<p>2. Abraham Lincoln Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Abraham Lincoln Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy and the information provided by representatives of Abraham Lincoln Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Abraham Lincoln Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy to establish Abraham Lincoln Preparatory School to serve grades Kindergarten through 4. Rachel Yanof seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>3. Alexander Hamilton Community School: A Challenge Foundation Academy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Alexander Hamilton Community School: A Challenge Foundation Academy and the information provided by representatives of Alexander Hamilton Community School: A Challenge Foundation Academy during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Alexander Hamilton Community School: A Challenge Foundation Academy to establish Alexander Hamilton Community School to serve grades Kindergarten through 4. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>4. ARCHES Academy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: I move to enter into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on this agenda item. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Board went into Executive Session at 12:37 p.m. Board returned from Executive Session at 12:59 p.m.</p>

<p>6. Copper State Academy of Business and Design</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Copper State Academy of Business and Design and the information provided by representatives of Copper State Academy of Business and Design 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 Copper State Academy of Business and Design’s request for a charter for the reasons that the Applicant did not submit an Educational Plan that meets the Board’s criteria, specifically, due to its failure to define a curriculum, curricular possibilities, or a defined process through which curriculum will be developed and as further identified in the Review Rubric and in the TRP Recommendation Report; and the Applicant did not submit a Business Plan that meets the Board’s criteria, specifically due to a budget that contains calculation errors and a demonstrated lack of understanding regarding facility costs and as further identified in the Review Rubric and in the TRP Recommendation Report. Further, the Applicant is not sufficiently qualified to operate a charter school for the reasons identified in the TRP Recommendation Report and the Capacity Interview and the information provided today that the Applicant lacks experience in the areas of leadership, finance, and business practices and management skills to open and operate a charter school. Freddy Mendoza seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>7. Educational Models for Learning, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Educational Models for Learning, Inc. and the information provided by representatives of Educational Models for Learning, Inc. during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Educational Models for Learning, Inc. to establish Educational Models for Learning-Arizona to serve grades 9 through 12. Freddy Mendoza seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>

<p>8. Integrated Education Foundation, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: B Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Integrated Education Foundation, Inc. and the information provided by representatives of Integrated Education Foundation, Inc. during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Integrated Education Foundation, Inc. to establish Kaleidoscope School to serve grades Kindergarten through 8.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>9. New Learning Ventures, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for New Learning Ventures, Inc. and the information provided by representatives of New Learning Ventures, Inc. during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to New Learning Ventures, Inc. to establish Phoenix Modern to serve grades Kindergarten through 8.</p> <p>Hans-Dieter Klose seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Recused: Senseman, Mason)</p>
<p>10. Phoenix International Academy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Phoenix International Academy and the information provided by representatives of Phoenix International Academy during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Phoenix International Academy to establish Phoenix International Academy to serve grades Kindergarten through 8.</p> <p>James Swanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>

<p>11. Somerset Academy Arizona, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: Based upon a review of the contents of the portfolio provided for Somerset Academy Arizona, Inc. and the information provided by representatives of Somerset Academy Arizona, Inc. during consideration, and given it is within the discretion of the Board to approve or deny a charter, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Somerset Academy Arizona, Inc. to establish Somerset Academy of Arizona to serve grades Kindergarten through 8.</p> <p>Carol Crockett Klose seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item M. Discussion and possible action regarding Legacy Education Group, et al. v. Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (1 CA-CV 17-0023).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Rachel Yanof made the following motion: I move to enter into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on this agenda item and for discussion and consultation with the Board’s attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Board’s position in pending litigation or in settlement discussions on this agenda item.</p> <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Yanof, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Board went into Executive Session at 3:48 p.m. Board returned from Executive Session at 4:43 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: I move that in the event a court schedules a settlement conference that the Board designate Kathy Senseman as its representative and that Board counsel and representative act as directed in Executive Session.</p> <p>James Swanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Aye: Senseman, Tack, Crockett, Klose, Lee, Mason, Mendoza, Rice, Swanson)</p>
<p>Agenda Item N. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item O. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.</p>	