

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools
December 14, 2015
1616 West Adams Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Suite 170**

SUMMARY

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| <p>Members Present- Janna Day- President (Joined during item G and left for the day during item P) Kathy Senseman - Vice President Diane Douglas - Superintendent Peter Bezanson - Charter School Operator Carol Crockett - Public Member Aracely Espinoza - Charter School Teacher Jake Logan - Business Member (Telephonically) Matthew Mason - Business Member (Telephonically) Freddy Mendoza - Public Member</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:03 a.m.</p> | <p>Members Absent- Royce Jenkins - Reservation Resident Member Greta Mayans - Public Member</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>Bianca Ulibarri called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item D. Call to the Public</p> | <p>No call to the public</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item E. Arizona Charter Schools Association Update</p> | <p>Recorded comments are available.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item F. Superintendent’s Report</p> | <p>Recorded comments are available.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item G. Executive Director’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of charters with previous and/or on-going board actions: Founding Fathers Academies, Inc.; Ahwatukee Foothills Prep, Inc.; El Centro for the Study of Primary and Secondary Education; Flagstaff Montessori, L.L.C.; Incito Schools; Luz Academy of Tucson, Inc.; StrengthBuilding Partners 2. Review of Board leadership election process | <p>Recorded comments are available.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item H. Consent Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenger Basic School, Inc. – Charter Renewal 2. ECA - Arizona, Inc. - Procurement Laws & USFRCS Exceptions 3. Espiritu Schools - Charter Mission 4. Heritage Academy Laveen, Inc. - Procurement Laws & USFRCS Exceptions 5. Heritage Academy Queen Creek, Inc. - Procurement Laws & USFRCS Exceptions 6. Incito Schools - Procurement Laws Exception | <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move to approve the consent agenda for all remaining items (1 and 3) except for those that Superintendent Douglas pulled. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move to recommend to approve the consent agenda items 2, 4, 5 and 6. Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion passed through majority vote (7-2) (No: Douglas, Crockett)</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item I. Presentation by A for Arizona ‘A’ School Leaders about Fit Kids, Inc. (Champion Schools) - Carolyn Sawyer</p> | <p>Recorded comments are available.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item J. Surrender Agreement- Grandview Associates, Inc.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move to accept the Surrender Agreement from Grandview Associates, Inc. Aracely Espinoza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item K. The Paideia Academies, Inc.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move to go into executive session to discuss Item K., for in addition to legal advice for consultation with the Board’s attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation on this agenda item. Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Board went into Executive Session at 9:43 am Board returned from Executive Session at 10:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Diane Douglas made the following motion: I like to make a motion to reconsider the Board’s decision of the amendment request of Paideia Academies. I am making this motion especially in light of the fact I was not able to participate in that meeting, and I would like to see it reconsidered. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item L. Replication Applications-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legacy Traditional School- Northwest Tucson to replicate as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legacy Traditional School - Glendale for the operation of Legacy Traditional School - Glendale b. Legacy Traditional School - Mesa for the operation of Legacy Traditional School - Mesa c. Legacy Traditional School – Peoria for the operation of Legacy Traditional School - Peoria | <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, that the Board approve the replication application and grant the replication charter Legacy Traditional School – Glendale, Legacy Traditional School – Mesa, Legacy Traditional School – Peoria, and Legacy Traditional School – West Surprise.</p> |

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| <p>d. Legacy Traditional School – West Surprise for the operation of Legacy Traditional School – West Surprise</p> <p>2. Patagonia Montessori Elementary School to replicate as Painted Desert Montessori, LLC for the operation of Painted Desert Montessori Academy</p> | <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>MOTION 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 replication application and grant the replication charter to Patagonia Montessori Elementary School to establish Painted Desert Montessori to serve grades K-8. Kathy Senseman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item M. Charter Renewal</p> <p>1. Discussion and possible action on the renewal application package for The PEAK School, Inc.</p> <p>2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Agreement for the charter renewal of The Griffin Foundation, Inc.</p> | <p>MOTION Peter Bezanson made the following motion: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal, and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. 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 The PEAK School, Inc. Aracely Espinoza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move to approve the charter agreement for charter renewal of The Griffin Foundation, Inc. as presented Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item N. Contract Consideration - Telesis Center for Learning, Inc.</p> | <p>MOTION Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move to modify the terms included in the Charter Contract Amendment and Conditional Renewal Contract for Telesis Center for Learning, Incorporated to remove the reporting requirements for their high school. Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item O. New Charter School Applications-</p> <p>1. Estrella Educational Foundation</p> | <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Based upon review of the contents of the portfolio provided for this Applicant and the information provided by the</p> |

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| | <p>representatives of the Applicant during consideration, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Estrella Educational Foundation to operate Maricopa Institute of Technology charter school to serve grades 9-12. Aracely Espinoza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>2. The Grande Innovation Academy</p> | <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Based upon review of the contents of the portfolio provided for this Applicant and the information provided by the representatives of the Applicant during consideration, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to The Grande Innovation Academy to operate The Grande Innovation Academy charter school to serve grades K-8. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed through majority vote (7-2) (No: Crockett, Day)</p> |
| <p>3. Highland Prep</p> | <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Based upon review of the contents of the portfolio provided for this Applicant and the information provided by the representatives of the Applicant during consideration, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Highland Prep to operate Highland Prep charter school to serve grades 9-12. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>4. New America School – Phoenix</p> | <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Based upon review of the contents of the portfolio provided for this Applicant and the information provided by the representatives of the Applicant during consideration, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to New America School to operate New America School - Phoenix charter school to serve grades 9-12. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>5. Pathways in Education – Arizona</p> | <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Based upon review of the contents of the portfolio provided for this Applicant and the information provided by the representatives of the Applicant during consideration, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Pathways in Education - Arizona to operate Fifth Arrow Charter School charter school to serve grades 9-12 in their first year of operation, and to open</p> |

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| <p>6. Pensar Academy</p> | <p>an additional charter school in their second and third years of operations to serve grades 9-12. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request of Pathways in Education – Arizona to operate its charter school site as an Arizona online instruction school on a probationary status under A.R.S. § 15-808. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>MOTION Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Based upon review of the contents of the portfolio provided for this Applicant and the information provided by the representatives of the Applicant during consideration, I move to approve the application package and grant a charter to Pensar Academy to operate Pensar Academy charter school to serve grades 4-8. Aracely Espinoza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item P. New Charter Application - Focus Education Services</p> | <p>MOTION Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move to reject the application package and deny the request for a charter of Focus Education Services to establish a charter school for the reasons that its application failed to meet the requirements of Title 15, Chapter 1, Article 8 due to: - Lack of an Education Plan that meets the Board’s criteria as stated in the scoring rubric and/or demonstrated through responses to interview questions, - Lack of an Operational Plan that meets the Board’s criteria as stated in the scoring rubric and/or demonstrated through responses to interview questions. Carol Crockett seconded the motion. Motion passed through majority vote (7-1) (No: Douglas)</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item Q. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas</p> | <p>Recorded comments are available.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item R. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:39 p.m.</p> | |