Detailed Business Plan Section Checklist

Charter Holder: E.Q. Scholars, Inc. (Entity ID 6360)

Each Detailed Business Plan will be reviewed to determine if all of the required elements have been addressed:

Yes – Required element addressed.
No – Required element not addressed.
Not **A**pplicable – Required element not applicable to the charter holder.

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board) staff will complete the Detailed Business Plan Section Checklist. The Checklist will be used by the Board in its consideration of the charter holder's request for charter renewal. " No" answers may adversely affect the Board's decision regarding a charter holder's request for charter renewal.

II b.1. CHARTER HOLDER'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP				
Required Elements	**Yes**	**No**	**N/A**	**COMMENTS**
○ Evidence of the appropriate filings with either the Board, Arizona Corporation Commission or both submitted.		X		Although the charter holder submitted documentation as part of its renewal application package, the officers, directors, members and partners currently on file with the Board do not match the information on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
II b.2. CHARTER HOLDER'S FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PART A – RENEWAL BUDGET PLAN				
Required Elements	**Yes**	**No**	**N/A**	**COMMENTS**
○ Completed Renewal Budget Plan submitted.	X			
○ 4 years of financial information provided as required by the *Renewal Instructions* with fiscal years clearly identified.	X			

○ Renewal Budget Plan includes average daily membership (ADM) used in each fiscal year and the basis for projected ADM.	X			There appears to be a discrepancy between the information included on the ADM line of the Renewal Budget Plan and the ADM actual and projections included in the Assumptions/Notes section of the Renewal Budget Plan. Please note that the historical information provided in the Assumptions/Notes section more closely ties to the actual information available through the Arizona Department of Education's website. As of November 21, 2011, the charter holder's fiscal year 2012 estimated count was 110.
○ Assumptions provided for key components of the Renewal Budget Plan, including the basis for all projected revenue line items used.	X			
○ Increases or decreases of 10% or more in the "total expenses" line item from year to year in the Renewal Budget Plan are explained in the "Assumptions/Notes" section.	X			An approximately 20% decrease in Total Expenses occurred between fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012.
○ Each "Other" line item used is explained in the "Assumptions/Notes" section to specify what is included.	X			
○ For those required to submit the Academic Performance Section of the renewal application, the charter holder's previous two audits and the Renewal Budget Plan demonstrate the charter holder has the financial capacity to implement the "budget" as detailed in the Academic Performance Section.	X			

○ Renewal Budget Plan is mathematically correct.	X			Please note that based on the fiscal year 2011 audit, the charter holder began fiscal year 2011 with net assets of $670,871. According to the audit as of June 30, 2011, the charter holder had net assets of $568,965.
II b.2. CHARTER HOLDER'S FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PART B – FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY NARRATIVE				
Required Elements	**Yes**	**No**	**N/A**	**COMMENTS**
○ For those required to complete the renewal application's " Charter Holder's Financial Sustainability" section because at least one of the two previous audits identified a going concern or identified negative net assets or negative members'/stockholders' equity at year end, a narrative is provided.			X	
○ Narrative does not exceed one page in length.			X	
○ Narrative explains the charter holder's current financial situation.			X	
○ Narrative includes the specific steps the charter holder has already taken to improve its financial situation and ensure the continued financial sustainability of the charter school(s).			X	
○ Evidence provided that supports each of the steps already taken by the charter holder to improve its financial situation and ensure the continued financial sustainability of the charter school(s).			X	
TOTAL (Sections II b.1, II b.2 Part A, and II b.2 Part B)	8	1	5	

Check one *(required)*:

☐ MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS (All applicable " Required Elements" received a " Yes" .)

☒ DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS (One or more applicable " Required Elements" received a " No" .)

Board Staff Review Date: December 13, 2011