

# Charter Mission Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

**Name:**  
Genesis Program, Inc.

**CTDS:**  
07-87-08-000

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### Representative

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## Mission

### Change From

Genesis Academy will be organized as an ungraded, college preparatory 9-12 school and will admit eligible pupils who are 14-21 years old, are above the eighth grade by credits, and have aspirations to attend college.

### Change To

Genesis Academy serves high-risk, over-age, under-credited, and out-of-school youth by offering them a rigorous academic experience tailored to their individual needs. Genesis empowers students to enter college or the work force with the skills, behaviors and attitudes necessary to become lifelong learners and contributing community members.

## Attachments

Board Minutes –  [Download File](#)

### Additional Information\*

No documents were uploaded.

## Signatures

Charter Representative Signature  
Karen Callahan 03/17/2014

**GENESIS ACADEMY  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Snell & Wilmer  
Conference Room

March 11,, 2014  
12:00 p.m.  
One Arizona Center  
Phoenix, Arizona

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Greg Mischel at 12:05 p.m

**2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

X Mr. Chesin X Mr. Milstead X Mr. Mischel X Mr. Moloznik X Mr. Scudder X Mr. Trethewy

**3. MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**ACTION**

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes 38-431.02 G & H

Motion made by Jeff Scudder; seconded by Bruce Trethewy.

X Mr. Chesin X Mr. Milstead X Mr. Mischel X Mr. Moloznik X Mr. Scudder X Mr. Trethewy

**RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE: ( 6-0 )**

**Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item may do so at the time the item appears on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may be addressed at the "Community Response" but the Governing Board cannot respond to the item.**

**GENERAL**

**4. MOTION TO APPROVE EACH OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW:**

**ACTION**

**A. \*APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting December 9, 2013

**B. \*FINANCE**

Approval of Expense/Payroll Vouchers:

Voucher Nos.: 147 and Payroll Voucher No: 1147

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Governing Board approve each of the above \*Consent Agenda items as presented/requested.

Motion made by Jeff Scudder; seconded by Bruce Trethewy.

X Mr. Chesin X Mr. Milstead X Mr. Mischel X Mr. Moloznik X Mr. Scudder X Mr. Trethewy

**RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE: ( 6-0 )**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. STUDENT ADM REPORT**

**DISCUSSION**

Luz Nelson reported that our final 100 day report came in at 129 students. We graduated eleven students during our first and second blocks this year, and this was a contributing factor in the fact that we did not meet the 140 ADM number that we projected for this year's budget. Many of the students who were temporarily withdrawn from our school due to family issues, health problems, the necessity for them to temporarily work full-time, etc. , will be returning for Block 4. In the last month, we have registered approximately 20 new students who had been dropped from their former schools.

**6. APPROVAL OF REVISED 2013-2014 BUDGET**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Tisha Crisler presented the revised budget for the board's approval. The budget was revised from the 140 ADM budget we originally projected to adjust for the final 129 ADM after the 100-day report figures were compiled by ADE.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the board approve the Genesis Academy 2013-2014 Revised Budget as presented.

Motion made by Bruce Trethewy; seconded by Jeff Scudder.

X Mr. Chesin X Mr. Milstead X Mr. Mischel X Mr. Moloznik X Mr. Scudder X Mr. Trethewy

**RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE: ( 6-0 )**

**7. ASBCS CONTRACT PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE GENESIS ACADEMY**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Karen Callahan informed the board that beginning this academic year, ADE requires all alternative charter schools in Arizona to re-certify annually in order to retain their alternative school designation. All new alternative schools and five percent of existing alternative schools will be subject to an ADE audit in order to demonstrate that a minimum of seventy percent of their student population meet the criteria to be classified as "alternative students" under the State's definition. ADE will also verify with ASBCS that the alternative school's educational services and programs of instruction are also in alignment with the school's mission. Karen presented a proposed amended mission statement to the board:

**Amended Genesis Academy Mission Statement:** Genesis Academy serves high-risk, over-age, under-credited, and out-of-school youth by offering them a rigorous academic experience tailored to their individual needs. Genesis empowers students to enter college or the work force with the skills, behaviors and attitudes necessary to become lifelong learners and contributing community members.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the board approve the proposed amendment revising our mission statement. This revised statement retains our original contract's mission but adds one additional descriptor, "over-age, under-credited," in order to further distinguish the student population we serve. The amendment is to be uploaded to ASBCS on or before March 17, 2014.

Motion made by Jeff Scudder; seconded by Greg Mischel.  
X Mr. Chesin X Mr. Milstead X Mr. Mischel X Mr. Moloznik X Mr. Scudder X Mr. Trethewy

**RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE: ( 6-0 )**

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Karen Callahan**

**DISCUSSION**

- Roof Renovation Project – would like to form a committee to help with this project.
- PARCC Testing Pilot Geometry
- Student Activities Update – Genesis City Spring Formal; Genesis City Basketball Slam
- Graduation Ceremony Update Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Trinity Cathedral, 11:00 a.m.
- Plans for Genesis City Blues Night 2014, October 16, 2014 at The Duce – Snell & Wilmer will be the recipient of our Luminary Award.
- Arizona Gives Day
- Update - Fundraising and Networking Committee - Bruce Trethewy will chair the committee.
- We are conducting finals the week of March 17, 2014, and after our spring break and teacher in-service, classes will resume on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**DISCUSSION**

**COMMUNITY RESPONSE**

**It is the desire of the Governing Board to solicit input from its visitors relative to action taken at this morning's meeting. At this time, the Board invites your comments. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand to be recognized by the Chair. Thank you.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (NO EXECUTIVE SESSION CONDUCTED)**

**10. MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

It is requested that the Governing Board authorize an Executive Session at this time to allow discussion of personnel matters, employment, assignments, appointments, promotions, demotions in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes 38-431.03(01);(1) M&O Budget (Personnel/Salaries); (2) Confidential Records; (3) Discussion with Attorney; (4) Advice of Attorney; (5) Negotiations. Notices of this meeting as required by Arizona Revised Statutes 38-431.02 have been appropriately posted.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Governing Board approve a motion to move into Executive Session at this time.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_; seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Mr. Chesin \_\_\_ Mr. Milstead \_\_\_ Mr. Mischel \_\_\_ Mr. Moloznik \_\_\_ Mr. Scudder \_\_\_ Mr. Trethewy

**RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE: ( )**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED AT**

**11. RECOMMENDATION TO ACT ON ITEMS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Action:** \_\_\_\_\_

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_; seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Mr. Chesin \_\_\_ Mr. Milstead \_\_\_ Mr. Mischel \_\_\_ Mr. Moloznik \_\_\_ Mr. Scudder \_\_\_ Mr. Trethewy

**ADJOURNMENT**

**12. FORMAL ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION**

Motion made by Greg Mischel; seconded by Jeff Scudder.

X Mr. Chesin X Mr. Milstead X Mr. Mischel X Mr. Moloznik X Mr. Scudder X Mr. Trethewy

**RESULT OF ROLL CALL VOTE: ( 6-0 )**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:15 p.m.**