

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and to the general public that the Board will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephonic communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H), the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda.

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DATED AND POSTED this 3rd day of January, 2014.

By 
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Executive Director

ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Monday, January 13, 2014

Regular Session

9:00 A.M.



1616 W. Adams, Suite 170

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Board's meeting room is located in the State Land Department building. Easy access to open parking behind the building on the east and west sides of 16th Avenue, south of Van Buren.

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

A COPY OF THE AGENDA BACKGROUND MATERIAL PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER BOARD (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATERIAL RELATING TO POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS) IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE CHARTER BOARD'S OFFICE AT 1616 W. ADAMS, SUITE 170, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007 AND ONLINE AT <http://asbcs.az.gov>.

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- A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. **Moment of Silence**
- C. **Roll Call**
- D. **Call to the Public** – This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.
- E. **Election of Officers**
- F. **Arizona Charter Schools Association Update** – Eileen Sigmund
- G. **Superintendent’s Report** – Update on current events and/or activities of the Department of Education.
- H. **Executive Director’s Report** – Introduction to the agenda items—Discussion and possible action:
 - 1. Status of charters with previous and/or on-going board actions: Carden of Tucson, Founding Fathers Academies, Inc., Hillcrest Academy, Inc., International Charter School of Arizona, Inc., Kin Dah Lichii Olta, Legacy Education Group, Legacy Schools, Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc., Omega Schools, Inc., Shonto Governing Board of Education, Inc., and Visions Unlimited Academy, Inc.
 - 2. Update on the evaluation of required responses from charter holders not meeting the Board’s Financial Performance Expectations.
- I. **Consent Agenda** — **All items on this agenda will be considered by a single motion with no discussion, unless requested otherwise by a board member.**
 - 1. Consideration to approve charter holder amendment requests for the following:
 - a. BASIS School, Inc. (BASIS Phoenix Central Primary) – Adding Grade Levels to Charter, Procurement & USFRCS Exceptions
 - b. BASIS School, Inc. (BASIS Scottsdale Primary) – Adding Grade Levels to Charter, Procurement & USFRCS Exceptions
 - c. BASIS School, Inc. (BASIS Oro Valley Primary) – Procurement & USFRCS Exceptions
 - d. BASIS School, Inc. (BASIS Prescott) – Procurement & USFRCS Exceptions
 - e. Southern Arizona Community Academy, Inc. – Arizona Online Instruction Program of Instruction
 - 2. Consideration to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to the following:
 - a. Cornerstone Charter School, Inc.
 - b. Juniper Tree Academy
- J. **Charter Amendment and Notification** – Discussion and possible action on the Adding Grade Levels to Charter Amendment Request and the Enrollment Cap Notification Request submitted by Phoenix Collegiate Academy, Inc., a charter holder that does not meet the Board’s academic performance expectations.
- K. **Charter Renewal** – Discussion and possible action on the renewal application package for the Mountain Oak School, Inc.
- L. **Charter Transfer** – Discussion and possible action on the transfer application package of New Visions Academy, Inc. from the State Board of Education to the State Board for Charter Schools.
- M. **Proposed Rulemaking** – Presentation, discussion and consideration of the initiation of proposed rulemaking regarding the monitoring and oversight of charter schools.

N. Proposed Changes to the Board’s Academic Performance Framework and Guidance, and Intervention Schedule, and Academic Intervention Policy Statement – Discussion and possible action to align the guidance provided in the Academic Performance Framework and Guidance document, and Intervention Schedule, and Academic Intervention Policy Statement with proposed rulemaking regarding the monitoring and oversight of charter schools.

O. Compliance Matters –

1. 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 and state law regarding their failure to meet or make sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectations set forth in the Academic Performance Framework in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-183(I)(3).

If the Board determines that a breach may have occurred, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include withholding of up to 10% of the monthly apportionment of state aid and requiring a corrective action plan pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-185(H), and/or issuing a notice of intent to revoke the charter pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-183(I).

- a. Shonto Governing Board Of Education, Inc.
- b. Sierra Oaks School, Inc.
- c. Tucson International Academy, Inc.

2. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that Legacy Schools is in breach of one or more provisions of its charter contract, federal, and state laws regarding its failure to meet or make sufficient progress toward the academic performance expectations set forth in the Academic Performance Framework (A.R.S. § 15-183(I)(3)), failure to comply with financial records retention requirements (A.R.S. Title 39, Chap. 1, Art. 2), federal payroll tax requirements (26 U.S.C. § 3401 et seq.), and state unemployment contribution requirements (A.R.S. Title 23, Chap. 4, Art. 5), and failure to follow standard internal control procedures (charter contract).

If the Board determines that a breach may have occurred, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include withholding of up to 10% of the monthly apportionment of state aid and requiring a corrective action plan pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-185(H), and/or issuing a notice of intent to revoke the charter pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-183(I).

3. The Board will receive information to determine whether evidence exists that the following charter holders continue to breach one or more provisions of their charter contract and state law regarding failure to timely submit the annual financial audit in accordance with A.R.S. § 15-183(E)(6).

If the Board determines that a breach remains, the Board may take action as it deems appropriate or necessary under state law, which may include issuing a notice of intent to revoke the charter pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-183(I).

- a. Hillcrest Academy, Inc.
- b. International Charter School of Arizona, Inc.

P. New Charter School Application Packages — Discussion and possible action on the following application packages and requests for a charter for applicants that provided application packages that met the Board’s scoring criteria:

1. Alhambra Preparatory Academy – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
2. Arizona Language Preparatory – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2

3. CASA Academy – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
4. Desert Star Academy – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
5. Havasu Preparatory Academy High School – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
6. Innovative Humanities Education Corporation – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
7. SySTEM Schools – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
8. Western School of Science and Technology, Inc. – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
9. The Caepe School – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2

Q. New Charter School Application Packages — Discussion and possible action on the following application packages and requests for a charter for applicants that provided application packages that do not meet the Board’s scoring criteria but who requested that their application packages be forwarded to the Board for consideration:

1. Colegio Petite Ahwatukee – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
2. Colegio Petite Phoenix – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
3. Grandview Associates, Inc. – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2
4. PS Charter Schools, Inc. – Portfolio and Interview recording Part 1 and Part 2

R. Board Comments and Future Meeting Dates – The executive director, presiding officer or a member of the Board may present a brief summary of current events pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) and may discuss future meeting dates and direct staff to place matters on a future agenda. The Board will not discuss or take action on any current event summary.

S. Adjournment