
AGENDA ITEM: Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc.

Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. was approved May 13, 2002. The charter operates one school site and serves grades nine through twelve.

Background:

Authorized Representative means an individual with the power to bind a charter holder contractually according to the charter holder's Articles of Incorporation, operating agreement, or by-laws.

As part of the notification request to change the authorized representative, a background and credit check is conducted on the individual appointed to determine if the individual is sufficiently qualified. As defined in Rule, **R7-5-101**, "Sufficiently qualified" means the Board's determination that an applicant's or charter holder's experience, qualifications, current and prior charter compliance, and creditworthiness indicate an ability to implement a charter or operate a charter school.

On October 16, 2009, ASBCS received a notification to change the authorized representative from Benjamin Valdez to Michael Morris.

October 21, 2009, a letter was sent to Mr. Morris providing him the opportunity to submit additional information for consideration related to his background and credit check. Staff received no response from Mr. Morris.

Due to the Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. not currently having an authorized representative, staff communicated with Carlena Hart, Board Relations Liaison for Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc.

On November 16, 2009, staff sent an email to Ms. Hart informing her that Mr. Morris did not provide any additional information and that Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. could withdrawal the request to add Michael Morris as the authorized representative or it could be forwarded to our Board for consideration without any information provided by Mr. Morris.

On November 25, 2009, Ms. Hart responded via email that the Life Skills Center of Arizona Board of Directors resolved to have Michael Morris attend the January meeting and answer questions related to his personal background.

Based on those checks, the following information is being provided for consideration.

On October 21, 2009, a letter was sent to Mr. Morris requesting support documentation for Board consideration. Mr. Morris has not provided any response or additional documentation for consideration.

Applicant credit history is attached (Executive Session)

Board Options:

1. Approve the notification request to change the charter representative of Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. from Benjamin Valdez to Michael Morris.
2. Deny the notification request to change the charter representative of Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. from Benjamin Valdez to Michael Morris.