# Arizona State Board for Charter Schools March 20, 2018 1616 West Adams Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Arizona State Board for Charter Schools Board Room SUMMARY

## **Members Present-**

Kathy Senseman - President (telephonically)

Rachel Yanof - Vice President (telephonically, left during item D)
Diane Douglas - Superintendent (telephonically, left after item C)
Carol Crockett - Public Member (telephonically, joined during item B, left during item B)

Hans-Dieter Klose - Reservation Resident Member (telephonically)

Mary Ellen Lee - Charter School Teacher (telephonically)
James Swanson - Business Member (telephonically)
Erik Twist - Charter School Operator (telephonically)
Freddy Mendoza - Public Member (telephonically)

Meeting began at 7:32 a.m.

# Members Absent-

Matthew Mason - Business Member

# Agenda Item A. Roll Call

Agenda Item B. Life Skills Center of Arizona, Inc. - Discussion and possible action to accept, reject or modify the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge in regard to the Notice of Hearing on Breach of Consent Agreement and Revocation of Charter (No. 18F-RV-001-BCS).

# Alexis Gonzalez called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

MOTION

Rachel Yanof made the following motion: I move that the Board modify Finding of Fact, Fact #9 to provide clarification as follows: At its public meeting held on November 21, 2014, the Board passed a motion to submit a request to the Arizona Department of Education (the "Department") to withhold ten percent of the monthly apportionment of state aid that would otherwise be due Life Skills and to issue a notice of intent to revoke Life Skills' charter. This modification is supported by A.R.S. § 15-185(H), Exhibit 3 at page BCS03-00012, and Exhibit 5 at paragraph 7. Adopt Findings of Fact numbers 10 through 18 in their entirety. Also adopt Findings of Fact numbers 1 through 8 in their entirety. Modify Finding of Fact number 19 to add the following sentence: Notwithstanding, Board exhibit 7 at page BCS07-00027 provided notice to Life Skills of the Board's meeting to be held on November 21, 2017 and advised Life Skills that "You shall be allowed to respond to the allegations of noncompliance at the meeting before the Board makes a final determination." James Swanson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

#### MOTION

Rachel Yanof made the following motion: I move that the Board adopt Conclusions of Law, as written as recommended by the Administrative Law Judge. Hans-Dieter Klose seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote

## **MOTION**

Rachel Yanof made the following motion: I motion that the Board accept the recommended order from the ALJ with the modification to allow the school to finish out the school year but also order the following: that within 20 days of this order, Life Skills shall provide the Board the names and mailing addresses of the parents or guardians of all students enrolled in the school and that within 30 days of its last day of instruction to students for the 2017-2018 school year, Life Skills shall notify the Board of the location of the School's student records. In addition to my previous motion, I would like to just clarify that revocation will occur on June 30, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.

Mary Ellen Lee seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote

Agenda Item C. StarShine Academy - Discussion and possible action to determine whether evidence exists that StarShine Academy is in noncompliance with its charter contract or state laws for its failure to comply with Paragraph 14 Section B and Section C of its renewal contract, failure to comply with financial record retention requirements under Arizona's Public Records Law and in accordance with the record retention schedule published by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, and failure to submit payroll reports and timely remit retirement contributions to the Arizona State Retirement System, and failure to timely bring the charter's instructional days into compliance pursuant to A.A.C. R7-5-505(G).

## **MOTION**

Rachel Yanof made the following motion: I move to issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke the charter contract of StarShine Academy for failing to comply with its charter contract or state laws for its failure to comply with Paragraph 14 Section B and Section C of its renewal contract, failure to comply with financial record retention requirements under Arizona's Public Records Law and in accordance with the record retention schedule published by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, failure to submit payroll reports and timely remit retirement contributions to the Arizona State Retirement System, and failure to timely bring the charter's instructional days into compliance pursuant to A.A.C. R7-5-505(G); revocation shall be contingent on permission of the bankruptcy court, or StarShine Academy's failure to comply with the terms of its bankruptcy proceedings, or on the conversion or dismissal of the bankruptcy proceedings.

-Within 24 hours of receipt of the Notice the charter holder shall provide written notice to all staff and the parents or guardians of all students attending the school indicating that a Notice of Hearing on Intent to Revoke Charter has been received and identifying the school location where a copy of the Notice may be reviewed and the date, time, and location of the hearing set with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

	-Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter holder shall provide copies of all correspondence and communications used to comply with the preceding provision; and -Within 20 days of receipt of the Notice the charter holder shall provide the Board with the names and mailing addresses of parents or guardians of all students attending the school. Further, I acknowledge that but for the bankruptcy filing, for reasons already specified, the Board would have also voted today to withhold 10% of the monthly state aid otherwise due the charter holder until compliance issues are resolved and reporting requirements are appropriately met. Additionally, Board staff may work with the charter holder to enter into an agreement to the revocation and termination of the charter contract for Board consideration. Freddy Mendoza seconded the motion.  Motion passed unanimously
Agenda Item D. Discussion and possible action on the expansion amendment requests from the following charter holders:  1. Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy, Inc. – Grade level change and increase enrollment cap	MOTION  Mary Ellen Lee made the following motion: I move, based on the information contained in the Board materials and presented today, to approve the request:  1. To increase the grade levels served by Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy, Inc. to 6-12; and  2. To increase the enrollment cap of Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy, Inc. from 340 to 350.  Freddy Mendoza seconded the motion.  Motion passed unanimously
Agenda Item E. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:43 a.m.	