

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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SUMMARY

<p>Members Present- Janna Day - President Kathy Senseman - Vice President Ashley Berg – Superintendent Designee Peter Bezanson - Charter School Operator Carol Crockett - Public Member Aracely Espinoza - Charter School Teacher Royce Jenkins - Reservation Resident Member Jake Logan - Business Member Matthew Mason - Business Member Greta Mayans - Public Member (left for the day after item K (2a)) Freddy Mendoza - Public Member (left for the day after item K (2a))</p> <p>Meeting began at 1:02 p.m.</p>	<p>Members Absent-</p>
<p>Agenda Item A. Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Agenda Item B. Moment of Silence</p> <p>Agenda Item C. Roll Call</p>	<p>Bianca Ulibarri called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda Item D. Call to the Public</p>	<p>The following individual(s) addressed the Board. Ildi Laczko-Kerr, Eula Saxon Dean, Megan Olsen, Karen Callahan, Lynn Adams, Amy Schlessman, and Eileen Sigmund. Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item E. Arizona Charter Schools Association Update</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item F. Superintendent’s Report</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item G. Executive Director’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of charters with previous and/or on-going board actions: Founding Fathers Academies, Inc. and Harvest Power Community Development Group, Inc. 2. Recognition of Mark Anderson, Cassandra Larsen and Todd Juhl for their service as Board members 3. Board meeting location 4. Upcoming study session 	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item H. Consent Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration to approve charter holder amendment requests for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Blue Adobe Project - Adding grades levels b. Challenge Foundation Academies of Arizona, Inc. - Change in entity name 	<p align="center">MOTION</p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda item 1 (a-g), 2 and 3. Kathy Senseman seconded the motion.</p> <p align="center">Motion passed unanimously</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Desert Springs Academy, Inc. - Decreasing grade levels d. Ha:san Educational Services - Change in charter mission e. Imagine Elementary at Tempe, Inc. - Decreasing grade levels f. Maryvale Preparatory Academy - Decreasing instructional days g. Sonoran Desert School - Decreasing instructional days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Consideration to approve the proposed Voluntary Surrender and Termination of the Charter Contract for Accelerated Learning Charter School, Inc. 3. Consideration to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Harvest Power Community Development Group, Inc. 	
<p>Board went into Executive Session at 1:48 p.m. Board returned from Executive Session at 2:57 p.m.</p> <p>Break taken from 2:58 p.m. to 3:06 p.m.</p> <p>Agenda Item I. Consent Agreement Template</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: To resolve ourselves into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice with regard to agenda items I and J.</p> <p>Peter Bezanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Jake Logan made the following motion: I move to temporarily suspend actions requiring use of the Consent Agreement Template and reserve the right for future consideration of those actions at a later time.</p> <p>Kathy Senseman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>Agenda Item J. Charter Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West Gilbert Charter Elementary School, Inc. 	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, the Charter Holder meets the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Board’s Performance Framework. The Board has reviewed the Charter Holder’s failure to meet the Board’s financial expectations. With that taken into consideration as well as all information provided to the Board for consideration of this renewal application package and during its discussion with representatives of the Charter Holder, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to West Gilbert Charter Elementary School, Inc.</p> <p>Peter Bezanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>

<p>2. Pan-American Elementary Charter School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, the Charter Holder meets the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Board’s Performance Framework. The Board has reviewed a record of past contractual noncompliance and the Charter Holder’s failure to meet the Board’s financial expectations. With that taken into consideration as well as all information provided to the Board for consideration of this renewal application package and during its discussion with representatives of the Charter Holder, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Pan-American Elementary Charter School.</p> <p>Aracely Espinoza seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>3. Montessori House, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I move for Option 1 and amend that condition 2, were an agreement was not reach, instead of it resulting in automatic non-renewal that it will come back to this Board.</p> <p>Royce Jenkins seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed through majority vote (8-3) (No: Senseman Crockett, Day)</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the renewal portfolio which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder provided to the Board for consideration of this request for charter renewal, I move to deny the request for charter renewal and to not grant a renewal contract for Montessori House, Inc. on the grounds that the Charter Holder failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework as reflected in the Renewal Executive Summary, the Inventory Documents, and the DSP Final Evaluation. The Charter Holder does, however, operate a school that has been designated with a letter grade of C in the current year and an average school (C by definition in statute) has the potential to improve its academic operations with the appropriate systemic changes and additional accountability. The Board, therefore, will grant a renewal contract to Montessori House, Inc. for the continuation of Montessori House Charter School on the conditions that the Charter Holder agrees to: (1) be subject to specific monitoring and reporting</p>

4. The Griffin Foundation, Inc.

requirements to ensure the Charter Holder immediately creates and implements a Performance Management Plan to make systemic changes that will align with the Performance Management Plan evaluation criteria and that these changes result in improved academic performance in FY2016 and FY2017; and (2) operation under the renewal contract contingent on meeting the terms of the monitoring and reporting requirements for FY2016 and FY2017. The terms of the monitoring and reporting requirement must be reached within 60 days of today's date or it is the Board's decision that Montessori House, Inc.'s request for renewal of its charter is denied for the reasons already specified.

MOTION

Freddy Mendoza made the following motion: I move to adopt the language in Option 1.

Peter Bezanson seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote (8-3)

(No: Berg, Crockett, Day)

Option 1: Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the renewal portfolio which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder provided to the Board for consideration of this request for charter renewal, I move to deny the request for charter renewal and to not grant a renewal contract for The Griffin Foundation, Inc. on the grounds that the Charter Holder failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework as reflected in the Renewal Executive Summary, the Inventory Documents, and the DSP Final Evaluation. The Charter Holder does, however, operate a school that has been designated with a letter grade of C in the current year and an average school (C by definition in statute) has the potential to improve its academic operations with the appropriate systemic changes and additional accountability. The Board, therefore, will grant a renewal contract to The Griffin Foundation, Inc. for the continuation of Children Reaching for the Sky Preparatory and Future Investment Middle School on the conditions that the Charter Holder agrees to: (1) be subject to specific monitoring and reporting requirements to ensure the Charter Holder immediately creates and implements a Performance Management Plan to make systemic changes that will align with the Performance Management Plan evaluation criteria and that these changes result in improved academic performance for FY2016 and

5. Deer Valley Charter School, Inc.

FY2017; and (2) operation under the renewal contract contingent on meeting the terms of the monitoring and reporting requirements for FY2016 and FY2017. The terms of the monitoring and reporting requirement must be reached within 60 days of today's date or it is the Board's decision that The Griffin Foundation, Inc.'s request for renewal of its charter is denied for the reasons already specified.

MOTION

Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I motion for Option 4. In place of inside the brackets on number 2, evidence that it provides a superior credit recovery program to a credit deficient student population. Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Option 4: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, the Charter Holder did not meet the academic performance expectations set forth in the Board's Performance Framework but was able to demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's expectations when it provided evidence that (1) it has implemented an improvement plan that includes a comprehensive curriculum system, comprehensive assessment system, comprehensive instructional monitoring system, and comprehensive professional development system, and (2): [provide specific findings related to valid and reliable data that demonstrates improved academic performance]. Additionally, the Board has adopted an academic Performance Framework that allows for additional consideration of the Charter Holder throughout the next contract period. With that taken into consideration, as well as having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the renewal portfolio which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder provided to the Board for consideration of this request for charter renewal, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Deer Valley Charter Schools, Inc.

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move for Option 1 as reflected in the Renewal Executive Summary.

Carol Crockett seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote (7-4)

(No: Berg, Mason, Mayans)

(Abstain: Bezanson)

<p>6. Omega Alpha Academy</p>	<p><u>Option 1:</u> Having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the renewal portfolio which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder provided to the Board for consideration of this request for charter renewal, I move to deny the request for charter renewal and to not grant a renewal contract for Omega Alpha Academy on the grounds that the Charter Holder failed to meet or make sufficient progress toward the Academic Performance Expectations set forth in the Performance Framework as reflected in the Renewal Executive Summary, the Inventory Documents, and the DSP Final Evaluation The Charter Holder does, however, operate a school that has been designated with a letter grade of C in the current year and an average school (C by definition in statute) has the potential to improve its academic operations with the appropriate systemic changes and additional accountability. The Board, therefore, will grant a renewal contract to Omega Alpha Academy for the continuation of Omega Alpha Academy School on the conditions that the Charter Holder agrees to: (1) be subject to specific monitoring and reporting requirements to ensure the Charter Holder immediately creates and implements a Performance Management Plan to make systemic changes that will align with the Performance Management Plan evaluation criteria and that these changes result in improved academic performance in FY2016 and Fy2017; and (2) operation under the renewal contract contingent on meeting the terms of the monitoring and reporting requirements for FY2016 and Fy2017. The terms of the monitoring and reporting requirement must be reached within 60 days of today's date or it is the Board's decision that Omega Alpha Academy's request for renewal of its charter is denied for the reasons already specified.</p>
<p>Agenda Item K. Charter Amendment and Notification</p> <p>1. Enrollment Cap Increase Request for Trivium Preparatory Academy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move Option 1 with a single amendment to move 350 to 460 for Fiscal Year 2016.</p> <p>Carol Crockett seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed through majority vote (7-3) (No: Bezanson, Mayans, Mendoza) (Recused: Mason)</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> I move that, having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the academic performance of the Charter</p>

2. Adding Grade Levels Requests submitted by:
a. George Gervin Youth Center, Inc.

Holder, the Board has sufficient basis to deny the request due to the Charter Holder's failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic expectations set forth in the academic performance framework as reflected in the Staff Report, the Data Inventory Document, and the DSP Data Final Evaluation. Data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder do not demonstrate improved academic performance in 4 of 6 required measures based on data generated from valid and reliable assessment sources. However, the Charter Holder has provided evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive curriculum system, comprehensive assessment system, comprehensive instructional monitoring system, and comprehensive professional development system. All that taken into consideration, the Board recognizes the interest of the current 10th grade students in having the option to continue their secondary education at their current school, and approves increasing the enrollment cap of the charter contract of Trivium Preparatory Academy from 350 to 419 for Fiscal Year 2016 to accommodate the matriculation of the number of 6th through 10th grade students enrolled with the Charter Holder as of the 100th Day of Fiscal Year 2015 and the enrollment of students in 6th grade for Fiscal Year 2016 consistent with the 6th grade enrollment as of the 100th Day of Fiscal Year 2015.

MOTION

Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I motion for Option 1.

Ashley Berg seconded the motion.

Motion passed through majority vote (8-3)
(No: Bezanson, Logan, Mayans)

Option 1: I move that, having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the academic performance of the Charter Holder, the Board has sufficient basis to deny the request due to the Charter Holder's failure to meet or demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board's academic expectations set forth in the academic performance framework as reflected in the Staff Report, the Inventory Documents, and the DSP Final Evaluation. The Charter Holder was not able to provide evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive professional development system. Data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder does not demonstrate improved academic performance in 3 of 12 required measures based on data generated from valid and reliable assessment sources. However, the Charter Holder was able to provide evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive curriculum

<p>b. Camino Montessori</p>	<p>system, comprehensive assessment system, and comprehensive instructional monitoring system, and that data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder demonstrated improved academic performance in 9 of 12 required measures based on data generated from valid and reliable assessment sources. All that taken into consideration, the Board approves the request to add grades K-5 to the charter contract of George Gervin Youth Center, Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Kathy Senseman made the following motion: I move Option 1 in today’s staff report. Peter Bezanson seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously (Break Taken: Logan)</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> Charter expansion is based on consideration of academic and contractual compliance of the Charter Holder. In this case, as a K-2 school for FY14 and FY15, the Charter Holder did not have State assessment data available, but was able to demonstrate sufficient progress toward the Board’s academic performance expectations. Data and analysis provided by the Charter Holder demonstrated improved academic performance based on data generated from valid and reliable assessment sources. In addition, the Charter Holder was able to provide evidence that it has consistently implemented a comprehensive curriculum system, comprehensive assessment system, comprehensive instructional monitoring system, and comprehensive professional development system. With that taken into consideration, as well as having considered the statements of the representatives of the Charter Holder today and the contents of the expansion portfolio which includes the Demonstration of Sufficient Progress, I move that the Board approve the request to add grades 3-4 to the charter contract of Camino Montessori.</p>
<p>Agenda Item L. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available.</p>
<p>Agenda Item M. Public Records Retention Compliance</p> <p>Board went into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. Board returned from Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Peter Bezanson made the following motion: I motion to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on agenda items M. Matthew Mason seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>Agenda Item N. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.</p>	