

On February 21, 2012, Morrison Education Group, Inc. (MEG), a non-profit entity, submitted a complete amendment request for the change of the charter’s mission.

**Change From**

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**Change To**

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**Background**

MEG was granted a charter in 2009, and currently operates one school – Sun Valley Charter School (opened 2009 in Phoenix), a K-6 school with an enrollment cap of 275.

The existing mission was part of the original charter, and has not previously been amended. According to the board minutes submitted in support of the amendment request, the revised mission statement was the result of a staff-wide professional development training.

The new mission aligns to the Program of Instruction described in the charter contract, which includes a strong curricular emphasis on leadership development and community service, as well as the use of varied methods of instruction to address different learning styles, and class sizes of no more than 25 students. The contract describes the use of portfolios of student work as a means of allowing students and parents to see achievement and effort. No amendments have been submitted that would have changed this information.

According to minutes provided by the charter representative, on February 9, 2012, the new mission was approved unanimously by a quorum of 5 members.

**Recommendation** – Given that the proposed mission aligns with the curricular emphasis and methods of instruction described in the Program of Instruction, the recommendation is to approve the amendment to the mission.

# Charter Mission Amendment Request

## Charterholder Info

### Charter Holder

**Name:**  
Morrison Education Group, Inc.

**CTDS:**  
07-85-56-000

**Mailing Address:**  
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Phoenix, AZ 85041  
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### Representative

**Name:**  
Tanae Morrison

**Phone Number:**

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## Mission

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## Attachments

**Board Minutes** –  [Download File](#)

**Additional Information\***  
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## Signatures

**Charter Representative Signature**  
Tanae Morrison 02/21/2012

**Morrison Education Group, Inc. DBA Sun Valley Charter School**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**5806 S. 35th Ave.**  
**February 9, 2012**  
**6:00 pm**

**Meeting Notice**

Posted: February 1, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.  
5806 S. 35th Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85041

Minutes taken by Tanae Morrison.

Meeting called to order by R. Johnson. Second by L. Henagan.

1. Roll Call: Present: T. Morrison, L. Henagan, R. Johnson(Strachan), J. Chaffin, A. Beaty. Absent: R. Pena. Determined quorum.
2. 100<sup>th</sup> day count: T. Morrison presented enrollment information as of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Shared that the attendance rate was approximately 97% and that the school was at capacity and had curtailed enrollment.
3. Vouchers for approval: T. Morrison presented vouchers for board approval. The board reviewed current budgetary standing. The members present voted unanimously to approve and forms were signed.
4. Building Expansion: T. Morrison requested permission to complete the expansion and new lease arrangements on behalf of the board. The following motions were made and unanimously agreed upon:

Motion: R. Johnson. Second: J. Chaffin.

I move that this board authorize and approve the termination of any rights or obligations MEG may have under that certain Shopping Center Lease, dated March 19, 2009, by and between Arizona Academy of Leadership, Inc. and Carlyle/Smith-Cypress 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, LLC (the "AAL Lease"); provided, however, that such termination shall become effective only upon the new lease being effective and enforceable simultaneously with such termination, and, further that MEG's president, Tanae Morrison, shall be, and hereby is directed and authorized to approve the final form of any termination agreement, to execute and deliver any termination agreement and to take any other actions and to execute, deliver and/or file such documents as may be required, necessary, appropriate or expedient to implement this board resolution.

Unanimously approved.

Motioned: J. Chaffin. Second: L. Henagan.

I move that this board authorize and approve the Lease, to be dated as of March 1, 2012, by and between MEG and landlord entity for the Lease (currently proposed as South Mountain Crossing, LLC), for the lease of approximately 22,214 square feet of space within the South Mountain Crossing shopping center, Buildings D and E, substantially in the form presented to this board, provided, however, that such Lease shall become effective and enforceable only upon the termination of any existing obligations under the AAL Lease, and, further, that MEG's president, Tanae Morrison, shall be, and hereby is directed and authorized to approve the final form of the Lease, to execute and deliver the Lease and to take any other actions and to execute, deliver and/or file such documents as may be required, necessary, appropriate or expedient to implement this board resolution.

Unanimously approved.

5. Addition of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: The board discussed the addition of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2012-2013 school year. The addition was motioned by L. Henagan. Second by J. Chaffin. Unanimously approved.
6. Board Fundraising Initiative: The board decided to change the date of the fundraising event to September 2012.
7. Revised mission statement: T. Morrison presented a revised mission statement that was the result of a staff wide professional development training. T. Morrison highlighted that the original idea of the mission statement remained untouched. The board reviewed and discussed accepting the changes. Motioned by L. Henagan. Second by R. Johnson. Unanimously approved.
8. Achievement Data: The board reviewed and discussed current achievement data, which included the quarterly benchmarks and an overview of weekly formative assessments.
9. Call to the Public: None present.
10. Adjournment: Motioned by R. Johnson. Second by J. Chaffin.