

On November 14, 2011, Sonoran Desert School, a non-profit entity, submitted a complete amendment request for the change of the charter's mission.

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Background

Sonoran Desert School was granted a charter in 1999 and opened Sonoran Desert School in 1999.

The original mission was amended in November 2002. This amendment resulted in the removal of the phrase "... year old students who would benefit from learning in an innovative, personalized school setting" and the addition of "... year old students who are behind in their academic credits".

According to minutes provided by the charter representative, on November 14, 2011, the new mission was unanimously approved by a quorum of three board members.

On December 15, 2011, the charter holder submitted an amendment request to add grade levels to the charter (7th and 8th grades). The change in the mission aligns with the request to add grade levels. The request to add grade levels has not yet been reviewed and is not part of the consideration of this amendment.

Recommendation

Given that the amendment is to remove an age level limitation to the mission and will require no changes to the program of instruction, the recommendation is to approve the mission amendment request.

Charter Mission Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

Name:
Sonoran Desert School

CTDS:
07-87-86-000

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7
Mesa, AZ 85205
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Representative

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Mission

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Attachments

Board Minutes –  [Download File](#)

Additional Information*

No documents were uploaded.

Signatures

Charter Representative Signature
Patricia Dalman 11/14/2011

Sonoran Desert School
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/14/2011 **Time:** 12:00 **Place:** 4448 E. Main Street, Suite

A. Board Members Present: (underline the applicable answer)

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| Patricia Dalman | <u>Present</u> or Absent |
| Shawn Dalman | <u>Present</u> or Absent |
| Don Tucker | Present or <u>Absent</u> |
| Jean Tucker | Present or <u>Absent</u> |
| Charlotte Zulkowski | <u>Present</u> or Absent |

Note: The required quorum of three board members was present

B. A general description of the matters discussed or considered were:

1. Review of minutes
2. Review of the financials
3. Review of the bank statements

Annual Business:

1. Discuss and vote on Online Program and the Amendment Request
2. Discuss and vote on revised Mission Statement and the Amendment Request
3. Discuss and vote on new lease
4. Review of yearly letter from auditor
5. Discuss and vote on new school site and the Amendment Request
6. Discuss and vote on new charter holder location and the Amendment Request
7. Discuss and vote on revised budget

C. A description of all legal actions proposed, discussed or taken and the names of members who proposed each motion:

1. Minutes unanimously approved
2. Financial review and bank statements unanimously approved
3. Online Program and the Amendment Request was unanimously approved
4. Revised Mission Statement and the Amendment Request was unanimously approved. The only change is to delete "14-21 year old students"
5. New lease for Sonoran Desert School was unanimously approved
6. Review of yearly letter from auditor was discussed and unanimously approved
7. New school site and the Amendment Request for the new school site located at 6724 S. Kings Ranch Road was unanimously approved
8. New charter holder location and the Amendment Request located at 6724 S. Kings Ranch Road was unanimously approved
9. Revised budget was unanimously approved

Names of persons making statements or presenting material to the public body and a reference to the specific legal action addressed by the person:

None

Shawn Dalman, Secretary

Date