## AGENDA ITEM: South Phoenix Leadership Academy Application

South Phoenix Leadership Academy submitted an application package for the Board's consideration. This report contains:

- Background information regarding the qualifications of the applicant,
- A copy of the <u>scoring rubric</u> which confirms the application package meets the requirements as demonstrated through the review of the preliminary application package submitted on August 3, 2009, the technical assistance provided to the applicant, a review of the revised application package submitted on December 11, 2009 and
- Staff's overview and summary of the application package.

The following background information is provided for your consideration.

South Phoenix Leadership Academy is a not-for-profit corporation that was created on May 4, 2009 for the purpose of conducting public education with 1 director: George Martin became a member 05/04/2009. Through the background review process, additional information was required. Communication with the individuals is documented below:

## **Organizational Structure**

Corporate Principals or Sole Proprietor	Communication
George Martin became member 05/04/2009	See Executive Session materials for additional information.

### **Background Information**

Education History	Employment History	FCC	Notes
Master's degree in Education	Mr. Martin has been employed as follows:	Valid	There were no concerns identified in the background check.
	Sequoia Choice Schools Biology Instructor, 07/2007-07/2009		
	<b>Pinnacle Education</b> High School Principal, 01/2007-06/2007		See Executive Session Materials
	Gateway Early College High School Science Instructor, 07/2005-03/2006		
	South Pointe High School Biology Instructor, 06/2003 – 06/2005		
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Biology Instructor, 08/2007 – 02/2008 (resigned)	
Biology Instructor, 06/2009 – 10/2009 (resigned to accept another position)	
Horizons Community Learning Center Science Instructor, 07/2002-06/2003	
The last employer, South Pointe High School, stated that Mr. Martin resigned to take another position; however, Mr.	
Martin did not provide any current employment information on his background information sheet.	

# **Current and Prior Charter Compliance**

Corporate Principal	Compliance Information
George Martin	None

### **School Governing Body**

Member Type	Number	Name
Organization Principal	1	After Inception
School Staff	1	After Inception
Community	5	After Inception

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

Applicant	Governing Body
<ul> <li>Set overall policy, based on the corporate mission and vision</li> <li>Fiduciary responsibility to care for the finances and legal requirements of the corporation</li> <li>Responsible for setting the mission of the corporation and assuring that all actions are related to and adhere to that mission</li> <li>Set overall policy, based on the mission and vision of SPLA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Electing members</li> <li>Electing new board members</li> <li>Establishing and appointing committees</li> <li>Setting policy for SPLA in accordance with the mission and vision of the school</li> <li>Setting and approving a budget for each school year</li> </ul>

## **Program of Instruction**

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Mission	Our mission is to prepare students for full participation in the intellectual, economic, and civic life of society by ensuring their full preparation for and access to further education, developing the skills and vision to undertake a rewarding career and the motivation and character need to engage deeply and productively in community life. We view parents and community members as integral partners in this endeavor.				ind	
Description of Community and Target Market	The school's target population will be both ethnically and socio-economically diverse high school age children from the South Phoenix area. The ethnic diversity of the target population will be reflective of the South Phoenix area and of the Phoenix Union High School District. The proposed school site will be located in the South Phoenix Metropolitan area within the Phoenix Union High School District and the Roosevelt School District.					
	The school will serve as an option that provides a researched based learning model for students within the South Phoenix area. Students attending local public schools such as South Mountain High School, Cesar Chavez High School, and other charter schools such a South Pointe High School and Victory Charter will have an this option for a small rigorous college preparatory high school.					
Comprehensive Program of Instruction (Curriculum)						
School Calendar	Standard – 18	30 days				
Student Count		Year	Grades Served	# of Students	# of Sites	
		1	9	100	1	
		2	9-10	200	1	
		3	9-11	300	1	
Findings	The application met the minimum requirements.					

#### **Business Plan/Budget**

Budget	The first year start-up budget is \$2,240. The executive director will donate personal funds to be used as start-up revenues for South Phoenix Leadership Academy in the amount of \$2,400; however, the applicant only provided secured funding information in the amount of \$2,300. A partnership with First Institutional Baptist Church will provide a finished facility allowing the school to enter a lease agreement 30 days prior to the first day of school. The school was founded with the help of Expeditionary Learning Schools (ELS) and may have the opportunity through Expeditionary Learning to apply for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant of \$400,000. If awarded the grant, the school will receive support from the ELS School Designer in the areas of professional development for administrative and instructional staff and assistance with day-to-day school operations unique to the ELS model. Years one through three of the operating budget is based on 90% of the projected student enrollment. Projected annual budget balances are: Year One-\$23,173, Year Two-\$14,275, Year three-\$462,236. At the end of each month during the first year revenue exceeds expenditures.
Secured Funds	The secured funds as stated by the applicant have been confirmed as available.
Findings	The application met the minimum requirements.

## **Site Information**

Name of Proposed School	South Phoenix Leadership Academy
Location	Unconfirmed location: Looking for a location within a 10 mile radius of Central and Baseline Ave.
Secured Facility	Location will have 5 classrooms and 3 offices. Allocating 75 square feet of facility per student and requires a 7,500 square foot facility with 500 square foot classrooms.

### **Scoring Rubric Summary**

Preliminary application package scoring rubric results: 46% of the scoring areas did not meet the criteria. Revised application package scoring rubric results: 0% of the scoring areas did not meet the criteria.

### **Staff Recommendations**

If the Board determines the applicant is sufficiently qualified, the Board may approve the application package and grant a charter to South Phoenix Leadership Academy to establish South Phoenix Leadership Academy charter school.

If the Board determines that the applicant is not sufficiently qualified, the Board may reject the application package and the request for a charter of South Phoenix Leadership Academy for the reasons that the applicant is not sufficiently qualified to operate a charter school due to: