

**In The Matter Of:**  
*Department of Education*  
*In Re: Academia Antonia Alonso*

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*Hearing*  
*March 9, 2015*

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DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
ACADEMIA ANTONIA ALONSO

Public Meeting of the Department of Education, taken pursuant to notice at The Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Second Floor Auditorium, Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at 4:38 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, before Jennifer Shomper, Professional Court Reporter and Notary Public.

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. NAGOURNEY: Good evening. I declare this  
3 public hearing to be open. My name is  
4 Jennifer Nagourney. I am the Executive Director of  
5 the Delaware Department of Education, and I've been  
6 appointed by the Secretary of Education to conduct  
7 this public hearing.

8 The charter of Academia Antonia Alonso has  
9 applied for a major modification to its charter.  
10 As required by law, the matter is referred to the  
11 Charter School Accountability Committee.

12 I will now ask the others with me today to  
13 introduce themselves.

14 MS. HICKEY: Thank you. My name is  
15 Catherine Hickey. I'm the Deputy Attorney General  
16 with the Delaware Department of Justice, and I'm  
17 here this evening as counsel for the hearing  
18 officer.

19 MS. JOHNSON: My name is Donna Johnson. I'm  
20 the Executive Director of the Delaware State Board  
21 of Education.

22 MS. NAGOURNEY: This joint public hearing is  
23 being held by the Department of Education and the  
24 State Board of Education to assist in the decision  
25 of whether the criteria set forth for approval in



1 the Delaware Code have been satisfied. This  
2 hearing provides the school and the public an  
3 opportunity to provide some public comment.

4 I would like the record to reflect that the  
5 notice of the time, date, and place of today's  
6 public hearing was published in the News Journal  
7 and the Delaware State News. In addition, notice  
8 was posted at the Charter School Accountability  
9 Committee's official place of business, on the  
10 Department of Education's official website, and on  
11 the state public meeting calendar on the state's  
12 official website. Further, the school was  
13 personally notified of the time, date, and place of  
14 this public hearing.

15 The court reporter is present so the record  
16 of this hearing can be made. It will be necessary  
17 for each speaker to clearly identify himself or  
18 herself and spell out your name before beginning to  
19 speak so the court reporter will be able to note  
20 who you are. The record of this hearing will be  
21 provided to the Secretary of Education and members  
22 of the State Board Education together with any  
23 written or electronic comments received at this  
24 hearing.

25 We'll proceed in the following manner: First



1 we'll hear from any representatives from the  
2 charter who wish to comment. Then we will take  
3 comments from anyone else who desires to speak. We  
4 have a sign-up sheet at the front of the room,  
5 which we now have, and no one has signed up to  
6 speak. So I'd ask if there's anyone here for  
7 Academia to please come forward and sign in now.

8 I will now open the floor for comments.

9 If there are no speakers, at this point the  
10 hearing is now closed. Thank you all for coming  
11 today. The secretary will consider the comments as  
12 part of the decision-making process, and the  
13 comments will also be available for the State Board  
14 to consider.

15 Thank you.

16 (This public hearing concluded at 4:39 p.m.)  
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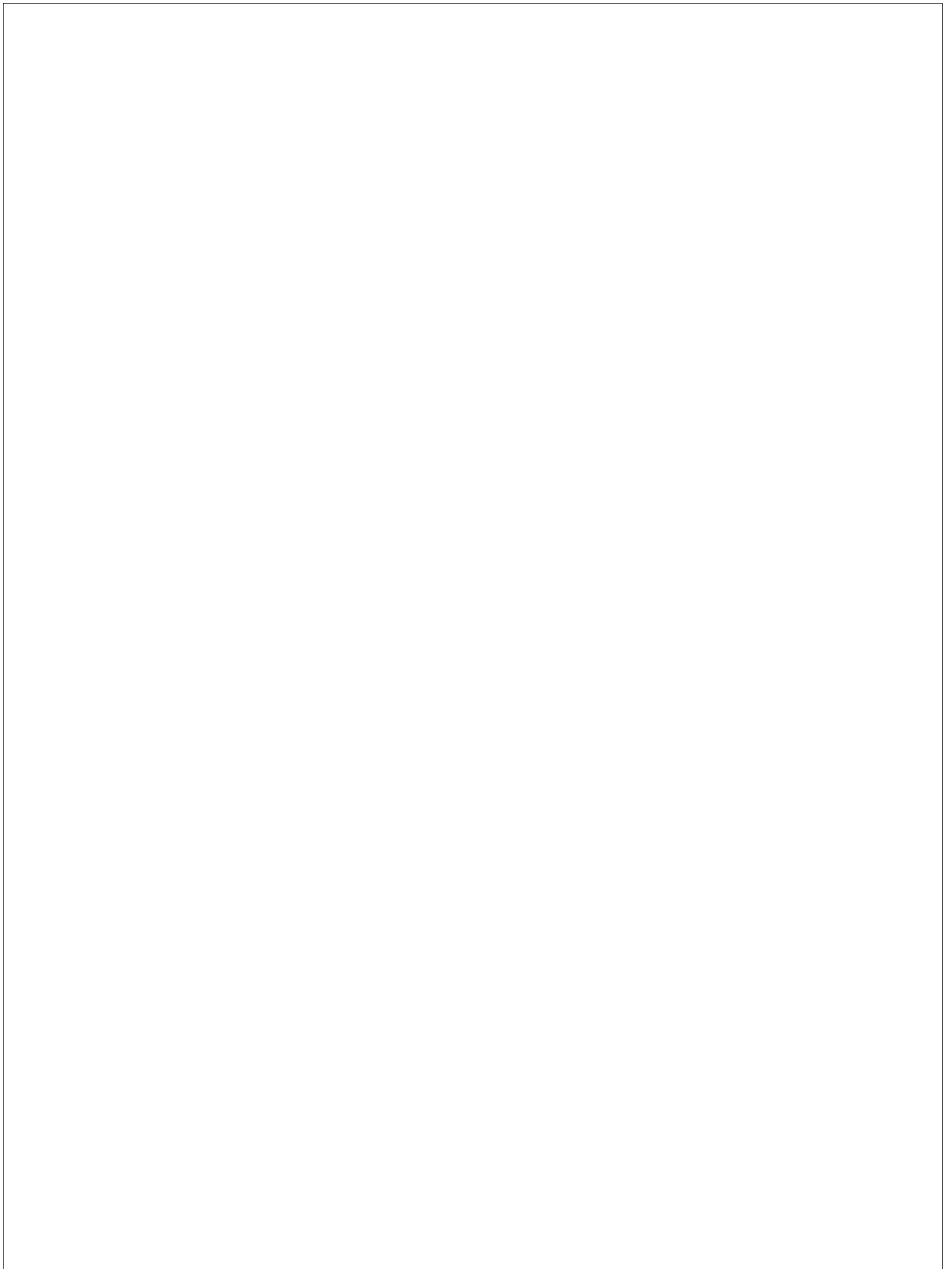
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C E R T I F I C A T I O N S

I, Jennifer Shomper, Professional Court Reporter, certify that the hearing before The Delaware Department of Education regarding Academia Antonia Alonso on Monday, March 9, 2015, is a true and accurate transcript of the foregoing proceedings.

I further certify that I am neither attorney nor counsel for, nor related to nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this proceeding was taken; further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed in this case, nor am I financially interested in this action.

/s/Jennifer Shomper  
Jennifer Shomper  
Professional Court Reporter and Notary Public



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