



**Department of Education
Charter School Accountability Meeting**

**January 29, 2014
New Application Process
Initial Meeting - Minutes**

New Maurice J. Moyer Academy

This meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. For the purpose of the record, introductions were made:

Voting Committee Members of the Charter School Accountability Committee (CSAC)

- Karen Field-Rogers, Associate Secretary, Financial Reform & Resource Management, Delaware Department of Education (DDOE), Chair of the Committee
- Tasha Cannon, Deputy Officer Talent Recruitment, Selection and Strategy, Teacher & Leader Effectiveness Unit (TLEU), DDOE
- Barbara Mazza, Education Associate, Exceptional Children Resources, DDOE
- April McCrae, Education Associate, Education Associate, Science Assessment and STEM, DDOE

Staff to the Committee (Non-voting)

- Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Committee
- Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director, Charter School Office, DDOE
- John Carwell, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Chantel Janiszewski, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Sheila Kay-Lawrence, Administrative Assistance, Charter School Office, DDOE

Ex-officio Members of the CSAC (Non-voting)

- Kendall Massett, Executive Director, Delaware Charter School Network
- Donna Johnson, Executive Director, Delaware State Board of Education

Representatives of New Maurice J. Moyer Academy

- None present

Meeting purpose: To review and discuss New Maurice J. Moyer Academy's application for a major charter modification, to take such further action thereon as the CSAC deems appropriate including, without limitation, the drafting of a report on the application, to provide the applicant an opportunity for an interview in support of the application, and to give the applicant the opportunity to present additional evidence beyond the data contained in the application, supporting its demonstration of alignment to the approval criteria set forth in Title 14 Del. Code §512.

Meeting between the CSAC and New Maurice J. Moyer Academy: Ms. Field-Rogers' introduced each major section of the application, identified below, and invited CSAC voting members to raise concerns and ask clarifying questions directly of the applicant for each of those sections. Various issues were explored, including those listed under applicable section headings. She acknowledged that the CSAC would begin with section 1.1 even though this section is not considered as a criterion for charter approval. Each of the subsequent sections were discussed in turn. All comments and questions discussed in the meeting are documented in the Initial Report.

Conclusion of the meeting: Ms. Field-Rogers gave the reviewers the opportunity to restate any questions or concerns about any sections of the application that did not meet the criteria for a "Meets Standard" rating and to clarify the additional information requested. The concerns and questions will be detailed in the initial report of the CSAC.

Section A: Core Questions

Concerns noted.

Section B: Enrollment Change

No concerns noted.

Appendix A: Funding Summaries & Annual Budgets

Concerns noted.

Ms. Field-Rogers articulated the next steps in the new application process as follows:

- The initial report of the CSAC will be released after the conclusion of the public hearing on February 13, 2014. **(The date was changed to February 24 because of weather delays.)**
- The initial report will be based on information the CSAC has received through its meeting on January 29, 2014. The applicant's response to the initial report is due no later than 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2014. **(The date was changed to March 11 because of weather delays.)**
- The first public hearing is scheduled for February 13, 2014 beginning at 5:30 in the Carvel Building in Wilmington, 2nd floor auditorium.
- Final meetings of the CSAC will be held on March 6 and 7, 2014 at which time a final report with a recommendation will be issued pursuant to Title 14 Chapter 5 Section 512. **(The dates were changed to March 19 and 24 because of weather delays.)**
- Additional public hearings will be held on April 1 and April 2, 2014
- The process will conclude with the State Board of Education meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2014 where Secretary Murphy will present his decision on each application.

The meeting concluded at 3:45 p.m.