

**In The Matter Of:**  
*In Re: Formal Review - Delaware  
Design-Lab High School*

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*Public Hearing  
June 9, 2015*

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1 MS. WHALEN: Good evening everyone.  
2 I declare this public hearing to be open. My  
3 name is Michelle Whalen. I'm an Education  
4 Associate with the Charter School Office of  
5 the Delaware Department of Education and I'm  
6 conducting this hearing on behalf of the  
7 Department. Delaware Design-Lab High School  
8 was placed on formal review by the Department  
9 of Education with the assent of the State  
10 Board of Education. As required by law the  
11 matter was referred to the Charter School  
12 Accountability Committee. Last week the  
13 Charter School Accountability Committee issued  
14 its final report with a recommendation of  
15 probation with conditions.

16 This joint public hearing is being  
17 held by the Department of Education and the  
18 State Board of Education to assist in the  
19 decision of whether the criteria set forth for  
20 remedial action in the Delaware Code have been  
21 satisfied. This hearing provides the school  
22 an opportunity to respond to the  
23 Accountability Committee's final report. This  
24 hearing also gives members of the public the



1 opportunity to comment. I will now ask the  
2 others with me today to introduce themselves.

3 MS. HICKEY: Catherine Hickey. I'm  
4 a Deputy Attorney General with the Delaware  
5 Department of Justice and I'm here today as  
6 counsel to the hearing officer.

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

19 A court reporter is present so that  
20 a record can be made of this hearing. It will  
21 be necessary for each speaker to clearly  
22 identify himself or herself before you begin  
23 to speak so the court reporter will be able to  
24 note who you are. The record of this hearing



1 will be provided to the Secretary of Education  
2 and members of the State Board of Education  
3 together with any written or electronic  
4 comments received at or before this hearing.

5 We will proceed in the following  
6 manner. First, we will hear from any  
7 representatives of the charter school who wish  
8 to comment. Then, we will take comments from  
9 anyone else who desires to speak. There are  
10 sign-up sheets at the table to my left and if  
11 you decided to speak, please sign up now. I  
12 will now pause for a moment to permit anyone  
13 who so desires to sign up to speak. First,  
14 however, could I have a show of hands of all  
15 those who desire to make any comments so that  
16 I can determine whether it will be necessary  
17 to impose a time limit on the comments?

18 (Show of hands.)

19 MS. WHALEN: This is for Delaware  
20 Design-Lab to be clear.

21 (No response.)

22 MS. WHALEN: I will note for the  
23 record that there are no individuals signed up  
24 to comment at this point. I will ask for a



1 final show of hands as to whether anybody  
2 wishes to comment with respect to the Delaware  
3 Design-Lab High School's formal review?

4 (No response.)

5 MS. WHALEN: Noting that nobody  
6 wishes to comment I thank you all for  
7 attending. The Secretary will consider your  
8 comments as part of the decision-making  
9 process, if you had any, and there are no  
10 written comments at this time. The hearing is  
11 now closed.

12 (The hearing was concluded at 5:11  
13 p.m.)



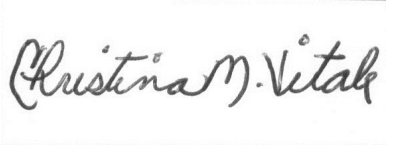
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Christina M. Vitale, Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing record, pages 1 to 5 inclusive, is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes taken on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in the above-captioned matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of June, 2015, at Wilmington.



Christina M. Vitale, CCR

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