

In The Matter Of:

*The State of Delaware Department of Education
In Re: Early College High School*

*Hearing
March 9, 2015*

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DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

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 4:39 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 Early College High School 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: Good evening. 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 serving as counsel to 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 receive and give some public
4 comment.

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

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



1 We'll proceed in the following manner: First
2 we will hear from any representatives from the
3 charter who wish to comment. Then we will take
4 comments from anyone else who desires to speak. We
5 have a sign-up sheet at the front of the room,
6 which we now have. No one has signed up. If
7 there's anyone who has not yet signed up, please
8 come forward now.

9 I will now open the floor for comments.
10 Anybody?

11 If no one desires to speak, this hearing is
12 now closed. Thank you for participating today.

13 (This public hearing concluded at 4:41 p.m.)
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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 Early College High School 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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