

**In The Matter Of:**  
*Department of Education*  
*ITMO: Delaware Design-Lab High School*

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*Hearing*  
*March 24, 2015*

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Department of Education  
The Townsend Building  
2nd Floor Cabinet Room  
401 Federal Street  
Dover, Delaware 19901

Monday, March 24, 2015  
5:00 p.m.

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BEFORE: Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director  
Charter Office, Department of Education

ATTORNEY: Kathleen J. Geiszler, DAG  
Attorney for Department of Education

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-- Transcript of Proceedings --

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

8 The charter of Delaware Design-Lab  
9 High School has applied for a major modification to  
10 its charter. As required by law, the matter was  
11 referred to the Charter School Accountability  
12 Committee.

13 This joint public hearing is being  
14 held by the Department of Education and the State  
15 Board of Education to assist in the decision of  
16 whether the criteria set forth for approval in the  
17 Delaware Code have been satisfied. This hearing  
18 provides the school an opportunity to receive public  
19 comment.

20 I will now ask the others with me  
21 today to introduce themselves.

22 MS. GEISER: My name is Katherine  
23 Geiser. I'm the Deputy Attorney General with the  
24 Delaware Department of Justice. I'm here today as



1 counsel for the Department of Education.

2 MS. NAGOURNEY: I would like the  
3 record to reflect that the notice of the time, date,  
4 and place of today's public hearing was published in  
5 the News Journal and the Delaware State News. In  
6 addition, notice was posted at the Charter School  
7 Accountability Committee's official place of  
8 business, on the Department of Education's official  
9 website, and on the State Public Meeting Calendar on  
10 the State's official website. Further, the school  
11 was personally notified of the time, date, and place  
12 of today's public hearing.

13 A court reporter is present so that a  
14 record of this hearing can be made. It will be  
15 necessary for each speaker to clearly identify  
16 himself or herself before beginning to speak so that  
17 the court reporter will be able to note who you are.

18 The record of this hearing will be  
19 provided to the Secretary of Education and members  
20 of the State Board of Education, together with any  
21 written or electronic comments received at or before  
22 this hearing.

23 We will proceed in the following  
24 manner: First, we will hear from any



1 representatives of the school who wish to comment.  
2 Then we will take comments from anyone else who  
3 desires to speak. There is a sign-up sheet on that  
4 table over there. If you desire to speak, please  
5 raise your hand. I do not see any speakers.

6 At this point we will accept comments  
7 from anyone who desires to speak. Going once, going  
8 twice. I have no one who desires to speak. This  
9 hearing is now closed. I thank you all for coming  
10 today.

11 (Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.)  
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CERTIFICATE

I, Lorena J. Hartnett, a Notary Public and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an accurate and complete transcription of the proceeding held at the time and place stated herein, and that the said proceeding was recorded by me and then reduced to typewriting under my direction, and constitutes a true record of the testimony given by said witnesses.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, or attorney of any of the parties or a relative or employee of either counsel, and that I am in no way interested directly or indirectly in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office on this 24th day of March 2015.



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Registered Professional Reporter

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