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The State of Delaware
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ITMO: Gateway Lab School
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-- PUBLIC HEARING --

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2014
5:00 p.m.

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

Donna Johnson, Executive Director
State Board of Education

ATTORNEY: Catherine T. Hickey, 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, and I am the Executive Director
4 of the Charter School Office for the Delaware
5 Department of Education, and I have been appointed by
6 the Secretary of Education to conduct this public
7 hearing.

8 The Gateway Lab School has filed an
9 application for a major charter modification. I will
10 now ask the others with me today to introduce
11 themselves.

12 MS. HICKEY: My name is Catherine
13 Hickey. I'm a Deputy Attorney General, and this
14 evening I am serving as counsel to the hearing
15 officer.

16 MS. JOHNSON: My name is Donna Johnson.
17 I'm the Executive Director of Delaware State Board of
18 Education.

19 MS. NAGOURNEY: This joint public
20 hearing is being held by the Department of Education
21 and the State Board of Education to give the school
22 the opportunity to provide information about and
23 comment upon the application and also to receive
24 public comments.



1 Notice of hearing: I would like the
2 record to reflect the notice of the time, date, and
3 place of the public hearing was published in the News
4 Journal and in the Delaware State News on May 26,
5 2014. In addition, notice was posed in the Charter
6 School Accountability Committee's official place of
7 business, on the Department of Education's official
8 website, and on the State Public Meeting Calendar on
9 the State's official website on March 28, 2014.
10 Further, the applicant was personally notified of the
11 time, date, and place of today's public hearing on
12 March 28, 2014.

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 his or
16 herself before beginning to speak so that the court
17 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 of
20 the State Board of Education, together with any
21 written or electronic comments received at or before
22 this hearing, which in this case includes a statement
23 from a representative of the school who is unable to
24 attend.



1 MS. HICKEY: Let's have that marked as
2 Exhibit 1, please.

3 (The reporter marked Exhibit 1.)

4 MS. NAGOURNEY: We will proceed in the
5 following manner: First, we will hear from any
6 representatives of the charter school who wish to
7 comment on the application. Then we will take
8 comments from anyone else who desires to speak.

9 There are sign-up sheets just outside
10 the meeting room on the left-hand side of the
11 hallway. If you desire to speak, please sign up now.

12 I would like the record to note that no
13 one is in attendance, and so at this time we will --

14 (An off-the-record discussion was
15 held between Ms. Hickey and Ms.
16 Nagourney.)

17 MS. NAGOURNEY: I would like the record
18 to reflect that the charter school leader had planned
19 to attend but had a family emergency today and could
20 not attend. There was an alternate representative
21 who was scheduled to come, but she was not able to
22 attend due to flash flooding and submitted a
23 statement that was marked as Exhibit 1.

24 MS. HICKEY: Okay.



1 MS. NAGOURNEY: And now we will go off
2 the record until 5:30 p.m. waiting for anyone who
3 desires to speak to arrive.

4 (A recess was taken.)

5 MS. NAGOURNEY: We are going back on
6 the record to note that no one has arrived for the
7 hearing, and so at this point, 5:30 p.m., we will
8 declare that the hearing is closed.

9 I thank everyone for participating
10 today. The Secretary will consider the record of
11 this meeting and comments will be available for the
12 State Board to consider. The hearing is now closed.

13 (Concluded at 5:30 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 12th day of June 2014.



Lorena J. Hartnett
Registered Professional Reporter

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