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

Thursday, July 11, 2013
5:00 p.m.

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BEFORE: John Carwell, Charter School Officer
Department of Education

Donna Johnson, Executive Director
State Board of Education

ATTORNEY: Catherine T. Hickey, DAG

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-- Transcript of Proceedings --

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1 MR. CARWELL: Good evening, everyone. We
2 are about to get started. And that's not the
3 right time. The building is under renovation.

4 Okay. We are going to begin with Delaware
5 Academy for Public Safety and Security. And
6 I'm assuming most of you have signed in. If
7 there is anyone else who desires to speak with
8 regard to Delaware Academy for Public Safety
9 and Security, please sign in now. We actually
10 do have two sign-in sheets. We have one for
11 the general public and then a sheet for those
12 who desire to speak.

13 Good evening. I declare this public
14 hearing to be open. My name is John Carwell,
15 Jr. I'm the director of the Charter School
16 Office at the Department of Education, and I
17 have been appointed by the Secretary of
18 Education to conduct this public hearing.

19 The Delaware Academy for Public Safety and
20 Security has filed an application to modify its
21 charter. As is required by law, this matter
22 was referred to the Charter School
23 Accountability Committee for investigation and
24 report. This joint public hearing is being



1 held by the Department of Education and the
2 State Board of Education to give the applicant
3 an opportunity to respond to the final report
4 of the Accountability Committee, which
5 recommended that the application be approved
6 and also to receive public comments.

7 I would like the record to reflect that
8 the notice of the time, date, and place of
9 today's public hearing was published in the
10 News Journal on June 27, 2013 and the Delaware
11 State News on June 28, 2013. In addition,
12 notice was posted at the Charter School
13 Accountability Committee's official place of
14 business, on the Department of Education's
15 official website, and on the State Public
16 Meeting Calendar on the State's official
17 website on June 27, 2013.

18 Further, the applicant was personally
19 notified of the time, date, and place of
20 today's public hearing on June 27, 2013.

21 A court reporter is present so that a
22 record of this hearing can be made. It will be
23 necessary for each speaker to clearly identify
24 his or herself before beginning to speak so



1 that the court reporter will be able to note
2 who you are.

3 The record of this hearing will be
4 provided to the Secretary of Education and
5 members of the State Board of Education,
6 together with any electronic comments received
7 at or before this hearing. And in this case we
8 have not received any written or electronic
9 comments.

10 So we will proceed in the following
11 manner: First, we will hear from any
12 representatives of the school who wish to
13 comment on the Committee's final report. Then
14 we will take the comments from anyone else who
15 desires to speak and everyone who has signed
16 in. So we will now open the floor to anyone
17 who desires to speak. Mr. Hughes?

18 MR. HUGHES: Sit here?

19 MR. CARWELL: Yes, please.

20 MR. HUGHES: My name is Charles Hughes.
21 I'm the head of school of Delaware Academy.
22 Thank you very much. My comments are pretty
23 straightforward this evening. I would like to
24 begin by thanking the Charter School Office



1 as well as the Charter School Accountability
2 Committee for their due diligence and help with
3 this modification. I appreciate the work that
4 they did and the questions that they asked to
5 make it a stronger application ensuring our
6 success.

7 We agree with the Committee's
8 recommendation and that we met all the
9 criteria, and I look favorably on the State
10 Board to agree with that, as well. We want to
11 continue to be a great school for the State of
12 Delaware. Thank you very much.

13 MR. CARWELL: Thank you, Mr. Hughes. At
14 this present time I will accept comments from
15 anyone else who desires to speak with regard to
16 Delaware Academy for Public Safety and
17 Security. Okay. If not, I want to thank you
18 all for participating today. The Secretary
19 will consider your comments in his decision,
20 which is then communicated to the State Board
21 of Education. This hearing is now closed.
22 Thank you, Mr. Hughes.

23 (Concluded at 5:05 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 July 2013.



Lorena J. Hartnett
Registered Professional Reporter

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