

In The Matter Of:
The State of Delaware
Department of Education

ITMO: Reach Academy for Girls
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-- PUBLIC HEARING --

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Reach Academy for Girls)

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

Thursday, July 11, 2013
5:20 p.m.

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BEFORE: John Carwell, Charter School Officer
Department of Education

Donna Johnson, Executive Director
State Board of Education

Jorge Melendez

ATTORNEY: Catherine T. Hickey, DAG

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-- Transcript of Proceedings --

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1 MR. CARWELL: Good evening. I declare
2 this public hearing to be open. My name is
3 John Carwell, Jr. I'm the Director of the
4 Charter School Office for the Department of
5 Education, and I have been appointed by the
6 Secretary of Education to conduct this public
7 hearing.

8 The Reach Academy for Girls has filed an
9 application to modify its charter. As is
10 required by law, the matter was referred to the
11 Charter School Accountability Committee for
12 investigation and report.

13 This joint public hearing is being held by
14 the Department of Education and the State Board
15 of Education to give the school an opportunity
16 to respond to the final report of the
17 Accountability Committee, which recommended
18 that the application be approved, and also to
19 receive public comments.

20 I would like the record to reflect that
21 the notice of the time, date, and place of
22 today's public hearing was published in the
23 News Journal on June 27, 2013, and the Delaware
24 State News on June 28, 2013. In addition,



1 notice was posted at the Charter School
2 Accountability Committee's official place of
3 business, on the Department of Education's
4 official website, and on the State Public
5 Meeting Calendar on the State's official
6 website on June 27 of 2013.

7 Further, the applicant was personally
8 notified of the time, date, and place of
9 today's public hearing on June 27, 2013.

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

16 The record of this public hearing will be
17 provided to the Secretary of Education and
18 members of the State Board of Education,
19 together with any written or electronic
20 comments received at or before this hearing,
21 which in this case includes an e-mail from the
22 school leader, Ms. Tara Allen, in response to
23 the Committee's final report.

24 (Exhibit 1 was marked.)



1 MR. CARWELL: We will first hear from any
2 representatives of the school who desire to
3 speak. There being none, anyone else who
4 desires to speak on behalf of this application?

5 Okay. So at this point I want to thank
6 everyone for participating today in this
7 hearing.

8 I just want the record to reflect that
9 there is no one from the school here to speak
10 on behalf of the application or anyone else
11 from the public who wants to offer public
12 comment.

13 MS. HICKEY: Thanks.

14 MR. CARWELL: So thank you all for
15 participating today. The Secretary of
16 Education will consider your comments in his
17 decision, which will then be communicated to
18 the State Board. This hearing is now closed.
19 Thank you.

20 (Concluded at 5:24 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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