

In The Matter Of:
Department of Education
In Re: Family Foundations Academy Charter School

Public Meeting
July 20, 2015

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DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
FAMILY FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY

Public Meeting of the Department of Education, taken pursuant to notice at the Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Second Floor Auditorium, beginning at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015, before Jennifer M. Guy, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public.

APPEARANCES:

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JENNIFER NAGOURNEY
CHARTER OFFICE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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

8 The charter of Family Foundations
9 Academy has applied for a major modification to
10 change its location. As required by law, the
11 matter was referred to the Charter School
12 Accountability Committee.

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

21 I will now ask my colleague to
22 introduce herself.

23 MS. KIRSHON: My name is Ilona
24 Kirshon; I'm a Deputy Attorney General with the



1 Department of Justice, and I'm here today as
2 counsel to the hearing officer.

3 MS. NAGOURNEY: I would like
4 the record to reflect that the notice of the
5 time, date, and place of today's public
6 hearing was published in the News Journal and
7 the Delaware State News.

8 In addition, notice was posted
9 at the Charter School Accountability
10 Committee's official place of business; on
11 the Department of Education's official
12 website; and on the State public meeting
13 calendar on the State's official website.
14 Further, the school was personally notified of
15 the time, date, and place of today's public
16 hearing.

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



1 Education, together with any written or
2 electronic comments received at or before this
3 hearing.

4 We will proceed in the following
5 manner: First we will hear from any
6 representatives of the charter who wish to
7 comment; then we will take comments from anyone
8 else who desires to speak.

9 I would like the record to
10 reflect that at this time, there is nobody
11 present for the hearing, and that no one has
12 signed up to speak.

13 At this point, I think we will
14 go off the record. I'll wait about ten
15 minutes for attendees to arrive, and take
16 their comments at that time. If no one
17 appears, we will close the hearing. Thank
18 you.

19 (A brief recess was taken.)

20 MS. NAGOURNEY: Back on the
21 record. I would like the record to reflect
22 that no one else has appeared for the public
23 hearing. And so with that in mind, we will
24 close the hearing.



1 Thank you all for joining me
2 today, and the Secretary will consider the
3 record as part of the decision-making process.

4 (Hearing adjourned at 5:18 p.m.)

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5 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
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7 I, Jennifer M. Guy, Professional Reporter
8 and Notary Public, do hereby certify that the
9 foregoing record, pages 1 to 6 inclusive, is a
10 true and accurate transcript of my stenographic
11 notes taken on July 20, 2015, in the
12 above-captioned matter.
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