

In The Matter Of:

*Delaware Department of Education
In re: First State Montessori Academy*

*Public Hearing
December 5, 2017*

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STATE OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

IN RE: FIRST STATE :
MONTESSORI ACADEMY :

Public hearing taken pursuant
to notice at the John W. Collette Education
Resource Center, Rooms A&B, 35 Commerce Way,
Dover, Delaware, beginning at 5:45 p.m. on
Tuesday, December 5, 2017, before Gloria M.
D'Amore, Registered Professional Reporter and
Notary Public.

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APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the State of Delaware
Delaware Department of Education:
DENISE STOUFFER,
LEAD EDUCATION ASSOCIATE

On behalf of the State of Delaware
Delaware Department of Justice:
CATHERINE T. HICKEY, ESQUIRE
Attorney for State of Delaware
Department of Education



1 MS. STOUFFER: Good evening. I
2 declare this Public Hearing to be open.

3 My name is Denise Stouffer. I
4 am the Lead Education Associate, and I have
5 been appointed by the Secretary of Education
6 to conduct this Public Hearing.

7 I ask the other person with me
8 tonight to introduce herself for the record.

9 MS. HICKEY: Good evening. My
10 name is Catherine Hickey. I am a Deputy
11 Attorney General with the Delaware Department
12 of Justice and I serve as Counsel to the
13 Department of Education at this hearing.

14 MS. STOUFFER: The First State
15 Montessori Academy Charter School has filed
16 an application to renew its charter for a
17 term of five years.

18 The matter was referred to the
19 Charter Accountability Committee for
20 investigation and report.

21 This Public Hearing is being
22 held to receive public comments.

23 I would like the record to
24 reflect that the notice of the time, date and



1 place of today's public hearing was published
2 in The News Journal and The Delaware State
3 News on November 5, 2017.

4 In addition, notice was posted
5 at the Charter School Accountability
6 Committee's official place of business on the
7 Delaware Department of Education's official
8 website and on the State Public Meeting
9 Calendar on the State's official website.

10 Further, First State Montessori
11 Academy Charter School was personally
12 notified of the time, date and place of
13 today's public hearing on October 30, 2017.

14 A court reporter is present so
15 that a record of this hearing can be made.

16 The record of this hearing will
17 be 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 during the course of the
21 renewal decision process.

22 To date, comments received on
23 this renewal application are listed on the
24 charter school's official website.



1 There is no one here for First
2 State Montessori, so this hearing is now
3 closed.

4 However, if any other persons
5 show up during the time of this hearing, the
6 hearing will be re-opened to take their
7 comments.

8 Thank you.

9 (The Public Hearing was
10 concluded at, approximately, 5:48 p.m.)

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1 State of Delaware:

2 New Castle County:

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4 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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6 I, Gloria M. D'Amore, Registered

7 Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do

8 hereby certify that the foregoing record,

9 Pages 1 to 6 inclusive, is a true and

10 accurate transcript of my stenographic notes

11 taken on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, in the

12 above-captioned matter.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set

14 my hand and seal this 7th day of December,

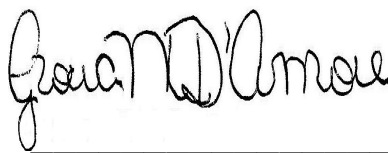
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