

In The Matter Of:
Department of Education
Great Oaks Charter School

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The Townsend Building
2nd Floor Cabinet Room
410 Federal Street
Dover, Delaware 19901

Monday, December 10, 2018
5:23 p.m.

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BEFORE: Leroy Travers, Lead Education Associate
Charter Office, Department of Education

Candice Fifer, Board Member
State Board of Education

ATTORNEY: Catherine T. Hickey, DAG
Attorney for Department of Education

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1 MR. TRAVERS: Good evening. I
2 declare this public hearing to be open. My name is
3 Leroy Travers. I am the Lead Education Associate.
4 And I have been appointed by the Secretary of
5 Education to conduct this public hearing.

6 The Great Oaks Charter School of
7 Wilmington has filed an application to renew its
8 charter for a term of five years.

9 As is required by law, the matter was
10 referred to the Charter School Accountability
11 Committee for investigation and report.

12 This joint public hearing is being held by
13 the Department of Education and the State Board of
14 Education.

15 I will now ask the others at the table to
16 please introduce themselves.

17 MS. HICKEY: Good evening. My name
18 is Catherine Hickey. I'm the Deputy Attorney
19 General with the Delaware Department of Justice, and
20 I am here this evening as counsel to the hearing
21 officer.

22 MS. FIFER: I'm Candice Fifer. I'm
23 with the State Board of Education.

24 MR. TRAVERS: I would like the record



1 to reflect that the notice of the time, date, and
2 place of today's public hearing was published in the
3 News Journal and the Delaware State News on
4 September 20, 2018.

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

11 Further, the Great Oaks Charter
12 School was personally notified of the time, date,
13 and place of today's public hearing on September 10,
14 2018 of the.

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

20 The record of this hearing will be
21 provided to the Secretary of Education and members
22 of the State Board of Education, together with any
23 written or electronic comments received during the
24 course of the renewal decision process.



1 Any comments received to date on this
2 renewal application are posted on the Charter School
3 Office's page on the Delaware Department of
4 Education website.

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

11 At this time there is one
12 representative of the charter school here who does
13 not desire to speak. Is there anyone else who would
14 like to speak on behalf of the Great Oaks Charter
15 School?

16 Thank you all for participating
17 today. The Secretary will consider your comments in
18 deciding, at the conclusion of the renewal process,
19 what decision to submit to the State Board for
20 assent, if needed. This hearing is now closed.

21 (Concluded at 5:26 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 16th day of December 2018.



Lorena J. Hartnett
Registered Professional Reporter

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