

In The Matter Of:
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Kuumba Academy Charter School

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

Monday, December 10, 2018
5:27 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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-- Transcript of Proceedings --

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

6 The Kuumba Academy Charter School has
7 filed an application to renew its charter for a term
8 of five years. As is required by law, the matter
9 was referred to the Charter School Accountability
10 Committee for investigation and report.

11 This joint public hearing is being held by
12 the Department of Education and the State Board of
13 Education. At this time I will ask the others at
14 the table to please introduce themselves.

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

19 MS. FIFER: I am Candice Fifer. I'm
20 with the State Board of Education.

21 MR. TRAVERS: I would like the record
22 to reflect that the notice of the time, date, and
23 place of today's public hearing was published in the
24 News Journal and the Delaware State News on



1 September 20, 2018.

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

7 Further, the Kuumba Academy Charter
8 School was notified of the time, date, and place of
9 today's public hearing on September 10, 2018.

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 his
13 or herself before beginning to speak so that the
14 court reporter will be able to note who you are.

15 The recording of this hearing will be
16 provided to the Secretary of Education and members
17 of the State Board of Education, together with any
18 written or electronic comments received during the
19 course of the renewal decision process.

20 To date, comments received on this renewal
21 application are posted on the Charter School
22 Office's section of the Delaware Department of
23 Education's website.

24 We will proceed in the following manner:



1 First, we will hear from any representatives of the
2 charter school who wish to comment on the renewal
3 application. Then we will take comments from anyone
4 else who desires to speak.

5 There are two representatives from the
6 charter school here today who do not desire to
7 speak.

8 Are there any other members of the
9 audience that would like to speak today on behalf of
10 Kuumba?

11 Thank you all for participating today.
12 The Secretary will consider your comments in
13 deciding, at the conclusion of the renewal process,
14 what decision to submit to the State Board for
15 assent, if needed. This hearing is now closed.

16 (Concluded at 5:29 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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