

In The Matter Of:
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Newark Charter School

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

Monday, December 10, 2018
5:30 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 Newark Charter School has filed an
7 application to renew its charter for a term of ten
8 years.

9 As is required by law, the matter was
10 referred to the Charter School Accountability
11 Committee for investigation and report. This joint
12 public hearing is being held by the Department of
13 Education and the State Board of Education.

14 I will now ask that others at the table
15 introduce themselves.

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

20 MS. FIFER: And I am Candice Fifer
21 with the State Board of Education.

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



1 News Journal and the Delaware State News on
2 September 20, 2018.

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

9 Further, the Newark Charter School was
10 personally notified of the time, date, and place of
11 today's public hearing on September 10, 2018.

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

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

22 Any comments received to date on this
23 renewal application are posted on the Charter School
24 Office's page on the Delaware Department of



1 Education's website.

2 We will proceed in the following manner:
3 First, we will hear from any representatives of the
4 charter school who wish to comment on the renewal
5 application. Then we will take comments from anyone
6 else who desires to speak.

7 At this time there are three members of
8 Newark Charter School represented, but none of the
9 three desire to speak today.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I yield my
11 time to Positive Outcomes.

12 (Laughter)

13 MR. TRAVERS: Well, thank you all for
14 participating today. The Secretary will consider
15 your comments in deciding, at the conclusion of the
16 renewal process, what decision to submit to the
17 State Board for assent, if needed. This hearing is
18 now closed.

19 (Concluded at 5:33 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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