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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR MODIFICATION
APPLICATION
ACADEMIA ANTONIA ALONSO CHARTER
SCHOOL

Delaware Department of Education
Townsend Building
401 Federal Street
Dover, Delaware 19901

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
5:00 p.m.

BEFORE: CATHERINE T. HICKEY, ESQ.,
Deputy Attorney General for the
State Board of Education

DONNA JOHNSON,
State Board of Education,
Executive Director

DENISE STOUFFER,
Lead Education Associate,
Charter School Office

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1 MS. STOUFFER: Good evening.

2 I declare this public hearing to
3 be open.

4 My name is Denise Stouffer, and
5 I'm the lead education associate. And I've
6 been appointed by the Secretary of
7 Education to conduct this public hearing.

8 At this time I will allow my
9 colleague to introduce herself for the
10 record.

11 MS. HICKEY: Good evening.

12 My name is Catherine Hickey. I
13 am a deputy attorney general with the
14 Delaware Department of Justice and I am
15 serving as counsel to the hearing officer
16 this evening.

17 MS. STOUFFER: The Academia
18 Antonia Alonso Charter School has filed an
19 application for modification to their
20 charter. As is required by law, the matter
21 is referred to the Charter School
22 Accountability Committee for investigation
23 and report. This joint public hearing is
24 being held by the Department of Education



1 and the State Board of Education to receive
2 public comments on the application.

3 I would like the record to
4 reflect that notice of the time, date and
5 place of today's public hearing was
6 published in The News Journal and the
7 Delaware State News on February 19th, 2018.
8 In addition, notice was posted at the
9 Charter School Accountability Committee's
10 official place of business on the Delaware
11 Department of Education's official website
12 and on the State Public Meeting Calendar on
13 the state's official website on
14 February 14th, 2018. Further, the
15 applicant was personally notified of the
16 time, date and place of today's meeting on
17 March 26th, 2018.

18 And I would like to pause for a
19 minute and note that we have been joined by
20 Donna Johnson and allow her to introduce
21 herself.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Donna Johnson,
23 executive director, State Board of
24 Education.



1 MS. STOUFFER: A court reporter
2 is present so that a record of this hearing
3 can be made. It will be necessary for each
4 speaker to clearly identify his- or herself
5 before speaking so that the court reporter
6 will be able to note who you are. A record
7 of this hearing will be provided to the
8 Secretary of Education and members of the
9 State Board of Education, together with any
10 written or electronic comments received
11 during the course of the modification
12 process. To date, the comments received
13 for the modification are located on the
14 charter school website.

15 We will proceed in the
16 following manner. First we will hear from
17 representatives of the charter school who
18 wish to comment on the modification. Then
19 we will take comments from anyone else who
20 desires to speak.

21 Has everyone who would like to
22 signed up on the sign-up sheet outside?

23 We will pause for a moment and
24 collect that document.



1 At this point I will accept
2 comments from the school.

3 MS. ALONSO: Mercedes Alonso.

4 Really no comments other than
5 to say things are going well and we've made
6 the transition. And folks are -- yeah.
7 Everybody is moving along. So I don't know
8 if there's any questions. But that's
9 really it.

10 MS. STOUFFER: Okay.

11 MS. ALONSO: Yeah.

12 MS. STOUFFER: Thank you very
13 much.

14 MS. ALONSO: Thank you.

15 MS. HICKEY: Thank you.

16 MS. STOUFFER: Is there anyone
17 else who would like to make comment?

18 Hearing none, I want to thank
19 you all for participating today. The
20 Secretary will consider your comments in
21 making her decision at the conclusion of
22 the modification application process.

23 This hearing is now closed.

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1 (The hearing adjourned at
2 approximately 5:05 p.m. this same day.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF DELAWARE :
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KENT COUNTY :

I, Robert Wayne Wilcox, Jr.,
Registered Professional Reporter and Notary
Public, do hereby certify that the
foregoing record, Pages 1 to 6 inclusive,
is a true and accurate transcript of my
stenographic notes taken on April 4, 2018,
in the above-captioned matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 4th day of April,
2018, at Wilmington, Delaware.



Robert Wayne Wilcox, Jr., RPR

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