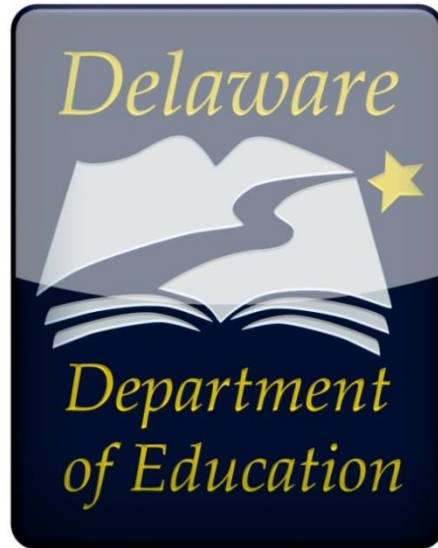


# CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Academia Antonia Alonso**

**MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION  
FINAL REPORT**

CSAC Final Meeting: March 26, 2018  
CSAC Final Report Published: March 29, 2018

On February 6, 2018, Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School submitted an application for a major modification of its charter to remove Innovative Schools as the Charter Management Organization.

The following were in attendance at the Final Meeting of the Charter School Accountability Committee (“CSAC” or “Committee”) on March 26, 2018:

**Voting Committee Members of the Charter School Accountability Committee**

- Karen Field Rogers, Deputy Secretary, Delaware Department of Education (“DDOE”)
- Tracey Neugebauer, Education Associate, Exceptional Children Resources, DDOE
- Chuck Taylor, Head of School, Providence Creek Academy
- Deb Hansen, Education Associate, Academic Supports, DDOE
- Maria Stecker, Education Associate, Educator Evaluation, Educator Effectiveness & Talent Management Workgroup, DDOE
- Brian Moore, School Climate & Discipline Program Manager

**Non-voting Committee Members of the Charter School Accountability Committee**

- Donna Johnson, Executive Director, Delaware State Board of Education

**Staff to the Committee**

- Catherine T. Hickey, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Committee
- Denise Stouffer, Lead Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Brook Hughes, Education Associate, Financial Reform and Resource Management, DDOE
- John Carwell, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Wafa Hozien, Education Specialist, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Sheila K. Lawrence, Administrative Secretary, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Jen Roussell, Administrative Secretary, Operations Support, DDOE

**Representatives of the School**

- Maria Alonso, Board Chair (via teleconference)

## **Discussion**

Ms. Field Rogers asked the Committee to approve the minutes for Academia Antonia Alonso's initial meeting held on February 20, 2018. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented with no changes.

Ms. Field Rogers shared that this was the Final Meeting of the CSAC, relative to the Major Modification Application submitted by Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School. Ms. Field Rogers noted that Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School had applied for a modification to their charter for the removal of Innovative Schools as their Charter Management Organization (CMO) per the letter from Innovative Schools. She also shared that the purpose of the meeting was for the CSAC to continue its review of the Major Modification Application, probe any areas of concern through a discussion with the applicant, and issue its recommendation on the application.

Ms. Field Rogers asked the Committee if they had any questions or concerns. Hearing none, Ms. Field Rogers asked if there were any final questions or statements from the applicant.

There being none, Ms. Hansen made the motion to recommend the removal of Innovative Schools as the Charter Management Organization. The motion was seconded. CSAC unanimously voted to recommend the approval of the modification of the charter for Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School to remove their Charter Management Organization.

### **Ms. Field Rogers shared the following next steps:**

- On or before, March 30, 2018, the CSAC will issue a Final Report, which will include its recommendation on the Major Modification Application.
- A second and Final Public Hearing will be held on April 4, 2018, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Education, 401 Federal Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cabinet Room, Dover, DE 19901.
- The public comment period will end on April 5, 2018.
- The Secretary of Education will announce her decision at the April 19, 2018, State Board of Education meeting.