

In The Matter Of:
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Delaware Design Lab High School
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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR MODIFICATION
APPLICATION
DELAWARE DESIGN LAB HIGH SCHOOL

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

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
5:05 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
3 to 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 ask the other
9 people at the table to introduce themselves
10 for the record.

11 MS. HICKEY: Good evening.

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

17 Ms. Johnson.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Donna Johnson,
19 executive director, State Board of
20 Education.

21 MS. STOUFFER: As required by
22 law -- I'm sorry.

23 The Delaware Design Lab High
24 School has filed an application for a



1 modification to their charter. As is
2 required by law, the matter was referred to
3 the Charter School Accountability Committee
4 for investigation and report. This joint
5 public hearing is being held by the
6 Department of Education and the State Board
7 of Education to receive public comments on
8 the application.

9 I would like the record to
10 reflect the notice of the time, date and
11 place of today's public hearing was
12 published in The News Journal and the
13 Delaware State News on January 23rd, 2018.
14 In addition, notice was posted at the
15 Charter School Accountability Committee's
16 official place of business, on the Delaware
17 Department of Education's official website,
18 and on the State Public Meeting Calendar on
19 the state's official website on
20 January 9th, 2018. Further, the applicant
21 was personally notified of the time, date
22 and place of today's public hearing on
23 March 26th, 2018.

24 A court reporter is present so



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

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

22 Has everyone signed up who
23 wishes to comment on the application on the
24 sign-in sheet?



1 Okay. Then I will call members
2 of the school to come up and make comment.

3 MS. COLLINS: Good evening.

4 My name is Rebecca Collins, on
5 behalf of Delaware Design Lab High School.

6 I have no further comment on
7 the application other than to say thank you
8 to the committee, the Department of
9 Education, and the Board of Education for
10 their consideration and time in this
11 matter.

12 MS. STOUFFER: Thank you.

13 Does anyone else wish to speak
14 on this matter?

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

20 This hearing is now closed.

21 (The hearing adjourned at
22 approximately 5:10 p.m. this same day.)

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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 5 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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