

In The Matter Of:
Department of Education
Prestige Academy

Public Meeting
March 7, 2016

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DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
PUBLIC MEETING
PRESTIGE ACADEMY

Public Meeting of the Department of Education, taken pursuant to notice at the Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Second Floor Auditorium, beginning at 5:41 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, before Jennifer M. Guy, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public.

APPEARANCES:

CATHERINE T. HICKEY, ESQ.
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
820 North French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

JENNIFER NAGOURNEY
CHARTER OFFICE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



1 MS. NAGOURNEY: Good evening. I
2 declare this public hearing to be open. My
3 name is Jennifer Nagourney; I'm the executive
4 director of the Charter School Office for the
5 Delaware Department of Education, and I will
6 serve as hearing officer for this public
7 hearing.

8 Prestige Academy has applied for
9 a major modification to its charter. As
10 required by law, the matter was referred to the
11 Charter School Accountability Committee.

12 This joint public hearing is
13 being held by the Department of Education and
14 the State Board of Education to assist in the
15 decision of whether the criteria set forth for
16 approval in the Delaware Code have been
17 satisfied. This hearing provides an
18 opportunity for public comment.

19 I will now ask the others with me
20 today to introduce themselves.

21 MS. HICKEY: Good evening. My
22 name is Catherine Hickey; I'm the deputy
23 attorney general with the Delaware Department
24 of Justice, and I'm here today serving as



1 counsel for the hearing officer.

2 MS. NAGOURNEY: I would like the
3 record to reflect that the notice of the time,
4 date, and place of today's public hearing was
5 published in the News Journal and the Delaware
6 State News. In addition, notice was published
7 at the Charter School Accountability
8 Committee's official place of business, on the
9 Department of Education's official website, and
10 on the State Public Meeting Calendar on the
11 State's official website. Further, the school
12 was personally notified of the time, date, and
13 place of today's public hearing.

14 A court reporter is present so
15 that a record of this hearing can be made. It
16 will be necessary for each speaker to clearly
17 identify himself or herself before beginning to
18 speak so that the court reporter will be able
19 to note who you are. The record of this
20 hearing will be provided to the Secretary of
21 Education and members of the State Board of
22 Education, together with any written or
23 electronic comments received at or before this
24 hearing.



1 We will proceed in the following
2 manner. First we will hear from any
3 representatives of the charter who wish to
4 comment, then we will take comments from
5 everyone else who desires to speak.

6 Please let the record reflect
7 that the room is empty. There are five
8 individuals who signed in for the hearing, but
9 they appear to have been for the hearing for
10 Academia Antonia Alonso instead.

11 Since there's no one in the room
12 to provide public comment, this hearing is now
13 closed. Thank you.

14 (Hearing adjourned at 5:43 p.m.)
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5 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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7 I, Jennifer M. Guy, Professional Reporter
8 and Notary Public, do hereby certify that the
9 foregoing record, pages 1 to 5 inclusive, is a
10 true and accurate transcript of my stenographic
11 notes taken on March 7, 2016, in the
12 above-captioned matter.

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