

In The Matter Of:

Department of Education & Board of Education

In re: Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School

Public Hearing

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
and
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In re:)
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ACADEMIA ANTONIA ALONSO CHARTER SCHOOL)
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TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carvel State Building
820 French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801
April 4, 2016
5:05 p.m.

HEARD BEFORE: JENNIFER NAGOURNEY

APPEARANCES:

PATRICIA DAVIS OLIVA, ESQ., Deputy
Attorney General for the Department of
Education (as noted)

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1 MS. NAGOURNEY: Good evening. I
2 declare this public hearing to be open. My
3 name is Jennifer Nagourney. I am the
4 Executive Director of the Charter School
5 Office for the Delaware Department of
6 Education. I will be serving as hearing
7 officer for this public hearing.

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

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

20 I would like the record to
21 reflect that the notice of the time, date, and
22 place of today's public hearing was published
23 in The News Journal and the Delaware State
24 News. In addition, notice was posted at the



1 Charter School Accountability Committee's
2 official place of business, on the Department
3 of Education's official website, and on the
4 State Public Meeting Calendar on the State's
5 official website. Further, the school was
6 personally notified of the time, date, and
7 place of today's public hearing.

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

19 We will proceed in the following
20 manner: First, we will hear from any
21 representatives of the charter who wish to
22 comment. Then we will take comments from
23 anyone else who desires to speak. There are
24 sign-up sheets at the front of the room. I



1 will now pause for a moment to ask anyone who
2 has not yet signed in to please do so.

3 At this moment I would like to
4 note for the record there are two individuals
5 here. Are either one of you planning to
6 speak?

7 Neither one of them are planing
8 to speak, so we're going to go off the record
9 for 15 minutes, give anyone who may be running
10 late an oppportunity come in, and if no one
11 comes in we will close the hearing.

12 (A discussion was held off the
13 record.)

14 (Ms. Oliva entered the hearing
15 room at this time.)

16 MS. NAGOURNEY: I would like to
17 note that there are no additional people here
18 who have come forward. I would like to note
19 we are joined by Patty Davis Oliva, Deputy
20 Attorney General from the Department of
21 Justice. And at this point the hearing is now
22 closed. Thank you very much.

23 (Hearing concluded at 5:23 p.m.)

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1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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3 I, SUSAN ARNOLD YODER, Registered
4 Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do
5 hereby certify that the foregoing record,
6 pages 1 through 4 inclusive, is a true and
7 accurate transcript of my stenographic notes
8 taken on April 4, 2016, in the above-captioned
9 matter.

10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
11 my hand and seal this 5th day of April, 2016,
12 at Wilmington.

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