

**In The Matter Of:**  
*Department of Education  
Of The State Of Delaware*

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*In Re: Prestige Academy Safety & Security  
February 1, 2016*

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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IN RE: )  
PRESTIGE ACADEMY )  
SAFETY & SECURITY )  
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Carvel State Office Building  
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Wilmington, Delaware

Monday, February 1, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

BEFORE: JENNIFER NAGOURNEY,  
HEARING OFFICER

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## 1 APPEARANCES:

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3 DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
4 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
5 102 West Water Street  
6 Dover, Delaware 19904  
7 on behalf of the Hearing Officer

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9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good

10 evening. I declare this public hearing to be  
11 open. My name is Jennifer Nagourney. I am the  
12 Executive Director of the Charter School Office  
13 of the Delaware Department of Education and I  
14 have been pointed by the Secretary of Education  
15 to conduct this public hearing. The charter of  
16 Prestige Academy has applied for major  
17 modification to its charter. As required by  
18 law, the matter was referred to the Charter  
19 School Accountability Committee.

20 This joint public hearing is  
21 being held by the Department of Education and  
22 the State Board of Education to assist in the  
23 decision of whether the criteria set forth for  
24 approval in the Delaware Code have been  
satisfied. This hearing provides the school an  
opportunity to receive public comment.



1 I now ask my colleague to  
2 introduce herself.

3 MS. HICKEY: Good evening. My  
4 name is Catherine Hickey. I am the Deputy  
5 Attorney General with the Delaware Department  
6 of Justice, and I am here this evening as  
7 counsel to the Hearing Officer.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: I would  
9 like the record to reflect that the notice of  
10 the time, date and place of today's public  
11 hearing was published in the News Journal and  
12 the Delaware State News. In addition, notice  
13 was posted at the Charter School Accountability  
14 Committee's official place of business, on the  
15 Department of Education's official website, and  
16 on the State Public Meeting Calendar on the  
17 State's official website. Further, the school  
18 was personally notified of the time, date and  
19 place of today's public hearing.

20 A court reporter is present so  
21 that a record of this hearing can be made. It  
22 will be necessary for each speaker to clearly  
23 identify himself or herself before beginning to  
24 speak so that the court reporter will be able



1 to note who you are. The record of this  
2 hearing will be provided to the Secretary of  
3 Education, together with any written or  
4 electronic comments received at or before this  
5 hearing.

6 We will proceed in the following  
7 manner. First, we will hear from any  
8 representatives of the school who wish to  
9 comment. Then we will take comments from  
10 anyone else who desires to speak.

11 Is there anyone who desires to  
12 speak?

13 Let the record reflect that there  
14 is no one in the room, and no one has raised  
15 their hands or come forward to speak.

16 Okay. Since there is no one here  
17 and since it is 7:00 o'clock, which is the time  
18 this hearing was publicly noticed to end, we  
19 will call this hearing closed.

20 (Proceedings conclude at 7:01  
21 p.m.)

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1 State of Delaware )  
2 New Castle County )

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5 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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7 I, Eleanor J. Schwandt, Registered  
8 Merit Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby  
9 certify that the foregoing record, pages 1 to 4  
10 inclusive, is a true and accurate transcript of  
11 my stenographic notes taken on February 1,  
12 2016, in the above-captioned matter.

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14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
15 set my hand and seal this 3rd day of February,  
16 2016, at Wilmington.

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21 Eleanor J. Schwandt  
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