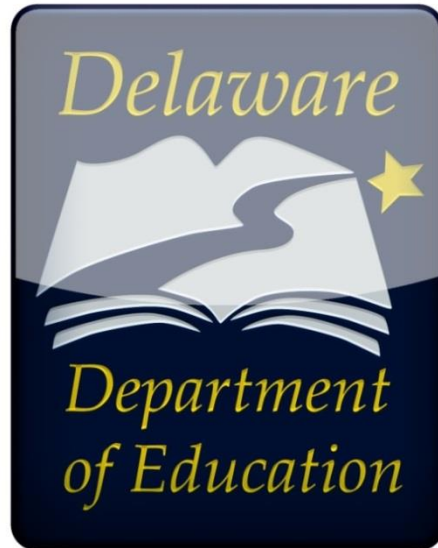


# CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



## Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security

**MAJOR MODIFICATION APPLICATION  
FINAL REPORT**

CSAC Final Meeting: February 22, 2016  
CSAC Final Report Published: February 25, 2016

On December 10, 2015, Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security submitted an application for a major modification of its charter.

The following were in attendance at the Final Meeting of the CSAC on February 22, 2016:

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

- David Blowman, Chairperson of the Charter School Accountability Committee and Associate Secretary, Financial Management and Operations, DDOE
- Karen Field Rogers, Deputy Secretary, DDOE
- Barbara Mazza, Education Associate, Exceptional Children Resources, DDOE
- Chuck Taylor, Head of School, Providence Creek Academy
- Deborah T. Wilson, Community Representative

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

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

**Staff to the Committee (Non-voting)**

- Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Committee
- Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director, Charter School Office, DDOE
- John Carwell, Education Associate, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Sheila Kay-Lawrence, Executive Assistant, Charter School Office, DDOE
- Brook Hughes, Education Associate, Financial Reform and Resource Management, DDOE
- Chantel Janiszewski, DDOE

**Representatives of Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security**

- Charles Copeland, Board Chair
- Sandra Wilson-Hypes, Commissioner
- Herb Sheldon, Chief Financial Officer
- Brent Waninger, Chief of Cadets

## **Discussion**

The following was discussed:

- A summary of the request – Through its major modification application, the school seeks to reduce its authorized enrollment target by 22% from 480 to 375 students over five years, beginning with a 2016-17 target of 330 students. This year’s enrollment currently stands at 303 and the school is having its strongest financial year. The modification request is doable from a financial and staffing standpoint, and is a cultural “must.” The school has initiated a strategic plan and has changed its policies and procedures. Finally, the school has reviewed data and has determined that the requested enrollment is a more practical reality based upon the school’s location.
- The CSAC Initial Report was issued on January 29, 2016 and did not identify any areas of concern with the application. The applicant did not submit a response to the CSAC Initial Report.

## **Conclusion:**

Mr. Blowman asked if there were any additional questions about any section of the application. None were noted.

A motion was made and seconded that the Major Modification Application be recommended for approval. All five voting CSAC members voted “yes” in favor of a recommendation for approval.

## **Next Steps:**

- A second and final public hearing will take place on March 7, 2016, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Carvel State Office Building, which is located at 820 N. French St., Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- The public comment period will close on March 11, 2016.
- The Secretary of Education will announce his decision at the regular meeting of the State Board of Education on March 17, 2016.