



MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2026

To: Members of the Charter Schools Committee

From: Joseph W. Belluck, Chair, Charter Schools Committee

Subject: Approval of Revision for Brilla College Preparatory Charter School

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes a revision, pursuant to New York Education Law § 2852(7), of the charter of Brilla College Preparatory Charter Schools to be the sole operator of a high school program jointly developed with Public Prep Charter School Academies.

Resolution

I recommend that the Charter Schools Committee adopt the following resolution:

Whereas on December 23, 2020, the Charter Schools Committee approved Brilla College Preparatory Charter Schools (the “Brilla Education Corporation”) and Public Prep Charter School Academies (the “Public Prep Education Corporation”) to offer a joint high school program for students matriculating from their schools offering Kindergarten through 8th grade and the greater district community; and

Whereas the joint high school program opened in the 2022/23 school year with 9th grade and currently serves 9th through 12 grade for the 2025/26 school year; and

Whereas the Public Prep Education Corporation has decided to not continue with the joint high school program as it has partnered with a new charter management organization; and

Whereas the Brilla Education Corporation wishes to continue to offer the high school program with a revised agreement with the current charter management organization and an increase in enrollment at one of its schools, Brilla College Preparatory Charter School; (the “Proposed Changes in Program”); now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Proposed Changes in Program be, and hereby are, approved; and, be it further

Resolved that the Charter Schools Committee finds: 1) the Proposed Changes in Program meet the requirements of Article 56 of the New York Education Law (and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations); 2) approval of the Proposed Changes in Program would permit the Brilla Education Corporation to operate the high school program in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; and, 3) approval of the Proposed Changes in Program are likely to improve student learning and achievement, and materially further the purposes set out in Education Law § 2850(2); and, be it further

Resolved that the Institute (the “Institute”), acting for the Board of Trustees, be, and hereby is, directed to: 1) enter into proposed revisions to the Brilla Education Corporation’s charter in accordance with this resolution and the terms originally approved for the high school program, which proposed charter revision shall also include such assurances and terms as the Institute deems necessary and appropriate; and, 2) submit the proposed revision to the New York State Board of Regents for its review, comment, and potential approval.

Background

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-038, dated June 12, 2012, the Board of Trustees delegated authority to revise charters to the Charter School Committee. The SUNY Charter Schools Institute (the “Institute”) determined the changes set forth in this resolution require revisions of the charter school education corporations’ charters pursuant to Subdivision 2852(7), which must be approved by the Board of Trustees in its capacity as a “charter entity” under the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (as amended, the “Act”).

The Institute reviewed the proposed high school program elements (including the proposed charter management agreement, enrollment projections, and staffing) and budgets, and found them satisfactory. The Institute also reviewed the proposed revision from the legal and fiscal perspectives, and finds them suitable under the Act and applicable law as set forth in the Institute's Summary of Findings (copy on file in the Office of the Secretary of the University and the Albany office of the Institute). Based on the foregoing, the Institute recommends the Charter Schools Committee approve the requested revisions.

Pursuant to Education Law § 2857(1), the Institute properly notified the school district in which all of the schools are located regarding the receipt of applications for charter revision. As of January 14, 2026, the Institute received no district comments.