Minutes of a Meeting of the Charter Schools Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given on February 4, 2020, the Charter Schools Committee of the State University of New York Board of Trustees met at the SUNY Global Center, 116 East 55th Street, New York, New York.

Committee Members Present:
Mr. Joseph Belluck, Chair
Mr. Edward Spiro
Mr. Robert Duffy (participated via videoconference)
Dr. Merryl Tisch, Chair, SUNY Board of Trustees

Not Present:
Mr. Eric Corngold

Others Present:
Ms. Susie Miller Carello, Committee Liaison
Mr. Ralph Rossi, Committee Counsel

The Charter Schools Committee was called to order by Trustee Belluck at 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. The Committee actions are listed below:

A. Executive Session

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy, the Committee unanimously voted to go into executive session at 1:02 p.m. to receive legal advice.

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy, the Committee unanimously voted to go back into public session at 1:40 p.m. No votes were taken in executive session.

B. Approval of Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of its December 18, 2019 meeting without amendment upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy.
C. Committee Resolutions

Applications for Charter Renewal

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools and Its Authority to Operate Bronx Preparatory Charter School (Bronx) (Resolution No. 1-2020); and,
- Approval of the Application for Renewal of Authority to Operate Democracy Preparatory Charter School (Manhattan) (Resolution No. 2-2020).

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by SUNY Board Chair Tisch, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of Finn Academy: An Elmira Charter School (Elmira) (Resolution No. 3-2020).

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of The International Charter School of New York (Brooklyn) (Resolution No. 4-2020).

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of Merrick Academy – Queens Public Charter School (Resolution No. 5-2020).

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Duffy, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of Roosevelt Children’s Academy Charter School (Roosevelt) (Resolution No. 6-2020).

Trustee Duffy exited the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by SUNY Board Chair Tisch, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

- Approval of the Application for Renewal of Authority to Operate Storefront Academy Charter School (Bronx) (Resolution No. 7-2020).

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by SUNY Board Chair Tisch, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:
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- Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of South Buffalo Charter School (Buffalo) (Resolution No. 8-2020).

  Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by SUNY Board Chair Tisch, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

  • Resubmission to the Board of Regents of Proposed Revision to the Charter of Uncommon New York City Charter Schools (Brooklyn) (Resolution No. 9-2020), which resubmits without modifications the applications for charter renewal for the following schools:
    o Kings Collegiate Charter School;
    o Leadership Preparatory Bedford Stuyvesant Charter School; and,
    o Leadership Preparatory Brownsville Charter School.

D. Revisions

  Upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by SUNY Board Chair Tisch, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the following resolutions:

  • Approval of Revision to the Charter of The Academy Charter School – Uniondale (Hempstead and Uniondale) (Resolution No. 10-2020)

E. Adjournment

  At 3:38 p.m., upon motion by Trustee Spiro and second by Trustee Belluck, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.