



## **MEMORANDUM**

**January 22, 2026**

**To: Members of the Charter Schools Committee**

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

**Subject: Approval of the Application for Charter Renewal of KIPP Capital Region Public Charter Schools Authority to Operate KIPP Albany Community Charter School (REVISED)**

### **Action Requested**

The proposed resolution, pursuant to New York Education Law § 2851(4), authorizes the renewal of authority of KIPP Capital Region Public Charter Schools, a not-for-profit charter school education corporation, to operate one of its charters, KIPP Albany Community Charter School, for a short term of three years with conditions.

### **Resolution**

I recommend the Charter Schools Committee adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Board of Trustees, has granted KIPP Capital Region Public Charters Schools (the "Education Corporation") the authority to operate more than one charter including KIPP Albany Community Charter School (the "School"); and

Whereas the Charter Schools Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, as required by Subdivision 2851(4)(e), has considered, prior to approval of the application for charter renewal, the means by which the School will meet or exceed the enrollment and retention targets of students with disabilities, English language learners, and students who are eligible applicants for the federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch program as set forth in the applications, which targets were prescribed by the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute (the "Institute") on behalf of the Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Education Corporation's application for renewal of authority to operate the School, be, and hereby is, approved to the extent, and as limited and restricted herein, for a short term of three years through and including July 31, 2029 subject to the following conditions:

- The School must meet or exceed the targets set forth in at least half of the available Accountability Plan measures for 3rd – 8th grade under the English language arts (“ELA”) and mathematics goals in two of three years total of the upcoming three-year Accountability Period. If the school does not satisfy these conditions in the time frame prescribed, then the school will be ineligible to apply for subsequent renewal. If it is evident the school will not satisfy these conditions and will be ineligible to apply for renewal, the education corporation will work with the Institute to close the charter and transition the students to other available options; and,
- By July 1, 2026, the education corporation must provide a Corrective Action Plan, to be approved by the Institute, to come into compliance with teacher certification requirements under the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (the “Act”) inclusive of methods to assist uncertified teachers in obtaining certification, an identified system of monitoring certification status, and administrative or monetary supports offered to teachers. The education corporation must demonstrate significant improvement regarding compliance with teacher certification requirements in accordance with the Act by the conclusion of the education corporation's next proposed renewal term.

and, be it further

Resolved that, upon a review of the Education Corporation's application for renewal of its authority to operate the School, the Committee finds that the Education Corporation has sufficiently demonstrated that renewal should be granted, as limited and restricted, based on the criteria laid out in Education Law § 2852(2); and, be it further

Resolved that the Institute, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, be, and hereby is, directed to: 1) enter into a proposed renewal charter or revision to current charter with the Education Corporation in accordance with this resolution, which shall include such assurances and terms as the Institute shall deem necessary and appropriate; and, 2)

thereafter, submit the proposed renewal charter or revision to current charter to the New York State Board of Regents for review, comment, and potential approval.

### **Background**

The New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 permits the Board of Trustees to renew the charters of education corporations it has authorized and to renew such corporations' authority to operate charters. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-038, dated June 12, 2012, the Board of Trustees delegated authority to renew charters to the Charter Schools Committee.

Pursuant to the *Policies for the Renewal of Not-for-Profit Charter School Education Corporations and Charter Schools Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York* (the "SUNY Renewal Policies") (last amended September 4, 2013, and available at: <https://www.newyorkcharters.org/wp-content/uploads/SUNY-Renewal-Policies.pdf>), the Institute generally conducts a renewal site visit; reviews the information in the renewal application as well as other relevant information such as assessment data and site visit reports; interviews education corporation trustees and staff; and produces a draft renewal report containing its findings and preliminary recommendation. The draft renewal report also contains an evaluation of the performance of an education corporation's charter over the charter term based on the criteria provided in the renewal benchmarks described in the SUNY Renewal Policies. The education corporation receives a copy of the draft renewal report and is given an opportunity to comment on it before it is finalized. The Institute makes final renewal reports available in its Albany office and at: <http://www.suny.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/meetings/meetingNotices.cfm>. Copies of applications for charter renewal are on file in the Albany office of the Institute.

As set forth in the Institute's Renewal Report, which was distributed to the Board of Trustees, for KIPP Albany Community Charter School, which is operated by KIPP Capital Region Public Schools, the Institute conducted a renewal review of the School pursuant to the SUNY Renewal Policies. As a result of this review, the Institute recommends the Education Corporation's application for renewal of its authority to operate the School be granted with conditions.

For the charter listed above, the Institute properly notified the school district in which the School is located regarding the receipt of the application for renewal of authority to operate the School. As of January 14, 2026, no comments were received.