

**APPROVE THE GRANTING OF A CHARTER AND ENTERING INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH URBAN PREP ACADEMIES INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the granting of a charter and entering into a Charter School Agreement with the Urban Prep Academies Inc. for a five-year period. The Charter School Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board within the time specified in an amended Board Report approving the location of the school. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** Urban Prep Academies Inc.  
420 N. Wabash, Suite 203  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Phone: 312-276-0259  
Contact Person: Tim King, Founder and Chief Executive Officer

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter High School – South Shore  
Location To be Determined  
Phone: 312-276-0259  
Contact Person: Tim King, Founder and Chief Executive Officer

**OVERSIGHT:** Office of New Schools  
125 S. Clark, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
773-553-1530  
Contact Person: Jaime Guzman, Interim Executive Officer

**DESCRIPTION:** The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCS 5/27A-1 et seq.) provides that up to 70 charter schools may be operated in the city of Chicago. Proposals to operate charter schools are submitted to the Board for evaluation pursuant to the standards set forth in 105 ILCS 5/27A-8, and the Board convenes a public meeting to obtain information to assist in its decision to grant or deny each proposal and report its action to the Illinois State Board of Education. The State Board determines whether the approved charter school proposal and the proposed contract satisfy the provisions of the Charter Schools Law and, if so, certifies the charter school.

**CHARTER APPLICATION PROPOSAL:** The Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter High School – South Shore (Urban Prep – South Shore) proposal was submitted by Urban Prep Academies Inc. and received by the Board on August 10, 2009. The mission of Urban Prep – South Shore is to provide a rigorous college prep curriculum that prepares a traditionally underserved population for success in college and beyond. They believe that their vision of single sex education that is focused on the learning styles of young men and addresses the socio-emotional barriers to academic success will enable them to reach their goal. Urban Prep – South Shore will be a college preparatory high school that ensures that each and every graduate succeeds in college. In addition to providing students with a rigorous college prep curriculum, they will expose students to opportunities and individuals that will support them in achieving this goal. Once in college, Urban Prep – South Shore will aim to continue to provide guidance and mentoring to its graduates. The school is slated to open in the fall of 2010 serving 135 students in grade 9. In successive years, the school will add grades 10 - 12 and will serve up to 500 students in grades 9 – 12. The school will be located at a site to be determined and is contingent upon Board approval. Public hearings on Renaissance 2010 charter school submissions submitted in 2009, as required by statute, were held on September 10, 2009 and November 9, 2009.

**TERM:** The term of the Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Charter High School – South Shore charter and agreement shall commence July 1, 2010 and end June 30, 2015.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the charter school, in the written Charter School Agreement, which shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the governing body of the charter school including, but not limited to: site location, enrollment, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Charter School Agreement. Authorize the Executive Officer of the Office of New Schools to issue a letter notifying the Illinois State Board of Education of the action(s) approved hereunder and to submit the approved proposal and signed Charter School Agreement to the Illinois State Board of Education for certification. Authorize the General Counsel to further negotiate and execute any amendments to the Agreement as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

**LSC REVIEW:** Approval of Local School Council is not applicable to this report.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY10 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets. The cost of 135 students in 2010-11 will be approximately \$1,032,345.00. These budget figures are based on the revised per pupil funding amounts for FY10.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each Party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the Provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3, which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 2006 (96-0626-P03), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics — The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

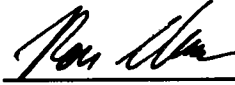
**Approved:**



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**Barbara Eason-Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Respectfully submitted:**



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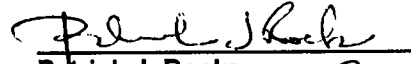
**Ron Huberman**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



**Christina Herzog**  
Acting Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel 