

April 25, 2018

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 16-0427-EX17**  
**AMEND BOARD REPORT 15-0527-EX2**  
**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE ACADEMY FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS**

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

Authorize renewal of the Academy for Global Citizenship Charter School Agreement (the "Charter School Agreement") with conditions for an additional five-year period. A new Charter School Agreement applicable to this renewal term will be 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 120 days of the date of this Board Report. The agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

This April 2016 amendment is necessary to authorize the relocation of the charter school to a new independent facility to be constructed at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue no earlier than the fall of 2018. The Academy for Global Citizenship shall submit written communication to the CEO or his designee on the exact address of the relocation site no later than six (6) months prior to the proposed effective date of relocation. This Board approval of the relocation site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facilities Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment to the Charter School Agreement is not executed by the Board and the charter school's governing board on or before May 23, 2018.

This April 2018 amendment is necessary to authorize the delay in the relocation of the charter school to the independent facility to be constructed at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue until the fall of 2020. The relocation of the charter school to 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue is contingent upon the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Academy for Global Citizenship upon expiration of this term ending June 30, 2020.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** Academy for Global Citizenship, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation  
 4647 West 47th Street  
 Chicago, IL 60632  
 Phone: 773-582-1100  
 Contact Person: Sarah Elizabeth Ippel, Founder and Executive Director

**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Academy for Global Citizenship Charter School  
 4647 West 47th Street (2015-2018~~20~~ school years)  
 Chicago, Illinois 60632  
 and  
 4941 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (Annex) (2015-2018~~20~~ school years)  
 Chicago, Illinois 60638  
 Phone: 773-582-1100  
 Contact Person: Jennifer Moore, Principal

and  
 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue (no earlier than 2018-2019 school year)  
 Chicago, Illinois 60638  
 Contact Person: Jennifer Moore, Principal

**OVERSIGHT:** Office of Innovation and Incubation  
 42 West Madison Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 Chicago, IL 60602  
 773-553-1530

Contact Person: Mary K. Bradley, Executive Director

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 09-1123-EX11) was for a term commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 500 students in K through 8. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 11-0323-EX5: Approved the temporary location of some grades of the charter school at the CPS Hearst Annex at 4640 South Lamon Street beginning in the fall of 2011.
- Board Report 11-1214-EX4: Approved the charter school's use of the second floor of the CPS Hearst Annex at 4640 South Lamon Street beginning in the fall of 2012.
- Board Report 13-0424-EX4: Approved the correction of the address of the CPS Hearst Annex from 4640 South Lamon Street to 4941 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street.

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Academy for Global Citizenship submitted a renewal proposal on November 17, 2014 to continue the operation of Academy of Global Citizenship Charter School (AGC). The charter school shall be located at 4647 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street and 4941 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (annex) and shall serve grades K through 8 with a maximum enrollment of 500 students.

The agreement will incorporate an accountability plan in which the charter school is evaluated by the Board each year based on numerous factors related to its academic, financial and operational performance.

In January 2016, Academy for Global Citizenship submitted an application to request a relocation of its charter school to a new independent facility to be constructed at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue. The charter school is slated to relocate from the independent facility at 4647 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street and the CPS facility at 4941 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street (Hearst Annex) no earlier than the fall of 2018. The Academy for Global Citizenship shall submit written communication to the CEO or his designee on the exact address of the relocation site no later than six (6) months prior to the proposed effective date of relocation. This Board approval of the relocation site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facilities Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site.

A public hearing on the proposed relocation was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

In February 2018, Academy for Global Citizenship submitted an application for amendment to delay the relocation of the charter school to the independent facility to be constructed at 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue until the fall of 2020. The relocation of the charter school to 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Laporte Avenue is contingent upon the renewal of the Charter School Agreement with Academy for Global Citizenship upon expiration of this term ending June 30, 2020.

A public hearing on the proposed delay was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The hearing was recorded and a summary report is available for review.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of AGC's academic performance, financial viability, and legal and contract compliance. This evaluation included a review of the proposal, academic results, financial performance, governance documents, parental issues, facilities surveys, and special education documentation. A public hearing was held on May 20, 2015 for all charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including AGC. The Office of Innovation and Incubation recommends that, based on the school's performance on these and other accountability criteria, as well as the school's demonstration of intent to satisfy the "Additional Terms and Conditions" referred to herein below, AGC be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of AGC's charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** AGC's charter and agreement shall be recommended for renewal with the following condition to be included in the agreement:

- On or before September 15, 2015, AGC must demonstrate full resolution of facility and ADA issues including, but not limited to, the following:
  - o Accessibility needs to be increased in the restrooms, playground and parking areas for its students and parents with disabilities;
  - o No room signage throughout the school has Braille & raised lettering; and
  - o Objects are overextended into the corridors and into students' circulation path without cane-detectability.

**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 and amendment. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement and amendment. Authorize Executive Director of the Office of Innovation and Incubation 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 Charter School Agreement required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

**FINANCIAL:** If renewed, ~~the~~ financial implications will be addressed during the development of the ~~2015-2016~~ 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond ~~FY1618~~ are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

**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.

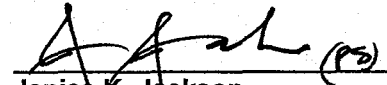
Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**Approved for Consideration:**

**Approved:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Chief of School Strategy and Planning

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Janice K. Jackson  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph T. Moriarty  
General Counsel