

**APPROVE THE WINDING DOWN OF CHOIR CHARTER SCHOOL, INCLUDING THE  
PURCHASE OF CERTAIN ASSETS AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
CHOIR ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF CHICAGO**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:**

Approve (i) return of the Choir Academy Charter School ("Choir") charter prior to June 30, 2009, and the agreement of Choir not to apply for a renewal of charter; (ii) closing Choir at end of 2008-09 school year; (iii) the purchase of certain assets from Choir prior to the end of the school year; (iv) the release of restrictions on certain funds previously allocated to Choir; and (v) the execution of an agreement with Choir to facilitate the transfer of student records and ancillary matters relative to the closing of the Charter School. Issues applicable to the surrender of the Charter, winding up the corporate affairs of Choir and the sale of assets to the Board are currently being negotiated.

Due to reduced enrollment at the school Choir will agree to return the Charter prior to June 30, 2009, not reapply for an extension of or new Charter, not contest the return and non-renewal of the Charter, and sell the certain assets of Choir used in operating the Charter School to the Board. The Board and Choir agree the consideration will be in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event the agreement is not executed by the Board and Choir within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

**CHARTER  
SCHOOL:**

Choir Academy Charter School of Chicago  
3630 South Wells Street  
Chicago, IL 60609  
Phone: (773) 890-4720  
Contact Person: Kevin Slaughter, Board President

**OVERSIGHT:**

Office of New Schools  
125 South Clark, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Phone: (773) 553 – 1530  
Contact Person: Josh Edelman, Executive Officer

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Charter Schools Law (105 ILCL 5/27A *et seq.*) provides that up to 30 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 5/34-27 A-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 State Board of Education. Choir has been awarded a charter (authorized by Board Report 03-0527-EX6) and pursuant to such charter operates a school at 3630 S. Wells, Chicago, IL 60609. Choir intends to return the charter to the Board prior to its termination date of June 30, 2009.

The Charter commenced on July 1, 2003 and is due to expire on June 30, 2009. Choir wishes to close its school and sell certain assets of the school to the Board prior to the termination date and return the Charter to the Board, all for an agreed upon value not to exceed \$350,000.00.




**Approved:**



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**Barbara Eason Watkins**  
Chief Education Officer

**Respectfully submitted:**



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**Ron Huberman**  
Chief Executive Officer

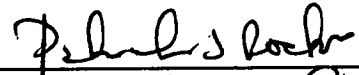
**Within Appropriation:**



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**Pedro Martinez**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**



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**Patrick J. Rocks**  
General Counsel

