

**APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ROSELAND PREPARATORY ACADEMY AND ENTERING  
INTO A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH ROSELAND  
ACADEMY, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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

Approve the establishment of the Roseland Preparatory Academy at 11400 S. Edbrook, and approve entering into a School Management and Performance Agreement with Roseland Academy, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, for the operation of the Roseland Preparatory Academy. This approval is contingent upon the school operator meeting certain benchmarks established by the Office of New Schools as detailed below. A written School Management and Performance Agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written School Management and Performance Agreement is not executed by the Board and the school operator on or before March 15, 2011. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** Roseland Academy, Inc.  
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Chicago, Illinois 60628  
Phone: 773-341-3165  
Contact Person: Donald Spaulding

**OVERSIGHT:** Office of New Schools  
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Chicago, IL 60603  
773-553-1530  
Contact Person: Jaime Guzman, Acting Executive Officer

**DESCRIPTION:**

School Designation: Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-1.1, 105 ILCS 5/34-18(30) and the Board's Renaissance Schools Policy, 07-0627-PO4, as amended ("Renaissance Policy"), Roseland Preparatory Academy will open in the fall of 2011 as a Contract School located at 11400 S. Edbrook. The Board hereby designates the Roseland Preparatory Academy as a Contract School pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b, as amended.

Public Hearing: A public hearing on the opening of the Roseland Preparatory Academy as a Renaissance Contract School was held on November 9, 2009 at Board Chambers in accordance with the Renaissance Policy. This hearing was recorded and a summary report of the hearing is available for review.

Request for Proposals: In May 2009, the Office of New Schools issued a Request for Proposals to solicit responses from parties interested in starting schools under the Renaissance 2010 Initiative. Proposals to operate either a contract school, performance school, charter school or charter campus were submitted by interested parties to the Board on August 10, 2009. Proposals were evaluated pursuant to the standards set forth in the Renaissance Policy. Proposals were reviewed by the Office of New Schools and a Comprehensive Evaluation Team and recommendations were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer based upon those reviews and evaluations.

Enrollment: The Roseland Preparatory Academy will enroll students through a city-wide lottery. Roseland Preparatory Academy will enroll approximately 486 students in grades K through 5 for the 2011 – 2012 school year. In subsequent years, the school may serve up to 711 students in grades K through 8.

Curriculum: Roseland Preparatory Academy aims to provide a rigorous and engaging educational program based upon the Paragon Curriculum, an arts-infused model, for its elementary students with the mission of grooming them into self-motivated life learners. Methods of instruction may include multiple assessments, technology-infused learning, multicultural learning content, foreign language studies,

additional instructional time and extended school year. All these methods will aim to ensure all students with cross-curricular academic success.

Advisory Body: A school advisory body will be established in a timely manner pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/34-2.4b and the Board's Renaissance School Policy in the following manner: the CEO or his designee in consultation with the Roseland Academy, Inc. shall develop the composition and duties of the advisory body for approval by the Board. Such requirements shall be included in the agreement with the Roseland Academy, Inc. The members of the advisory body will be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the CEO or his designee.

School Management Description: At a minimum, the School Management and Performance Agreement will address student academic outcomes and financial and management practices of the school and shall reflect resolution of any and all outstanding issues between the Board and the school operator including, but not limited to, enrollment, funding, educational program, financial controls and practices, academic accountability and evaluations. In accordance with the Board's Renaissance Policy, contract schools may request exemptions from Board Rules and Policies or alternative policies subject to and upon Board approval.

**CONTINGENT APPROVAL:** Approval to open the Roseland Preparatory Academy and enter into a School Management and Performance Agreement is contingent upon the school operator meeting benchmarks established by the Office of New Schools, including, but not limited to, identification of a principal candidate. These benchmarks will be communicated to the school operator in a formal Letter of Conditions with all deadlines to be met by March 15, 2011. The Office of New Schools will oversee the enforcement of these deadlines; failure to meet these deadlines may, at the option of the Board, result in the rescission of the authority granted herein and the denial of the contract school application. A final review of this contract school application will be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer on or before April 15, 2011 to determine final approval or denial of the contract school application and satisfactory resolution of all material issues related to the formation of the school.

**TERM:** Upon final approval of this contract school application, the term of the School Management and Performance Agreement shall commence July 1, 2011 and end June 30, 2016. Roseland Academy, Inc. and the Roseland Preparatory Academy's designation as a Renaissance Contract School will expire on June 30, 2016 unless renewed or terminated earlier by the Board.

**COMPENSATION:** Roseland Academy, Inc. will be paid on a per-pupil basis for the operation of the Roseland Preparatory Academy. If Roseland Academy, Inc. applies to the Renaissance Schools Fund for funding for the new school and is not approved for funding, the Board shall provide a one-time payment to the school for planning positions in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the school operator, in the written School Management and Performance Agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the School Management and Performance Agreement.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** Using current year financial data, the general fund cost of 486 students in 2011-12 (FY12) will be approximately \$2,972,862.00. The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the FY12 budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond the current FY10 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:** As a contract school, Roseland Academy, Inc. will employ its own principal, teachers and staff.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

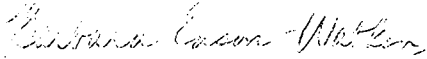
Inspector General – Each Party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary 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-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 June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**Approved:**



**Barbara J. Eason-Watkins**  
**Chief Education Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**



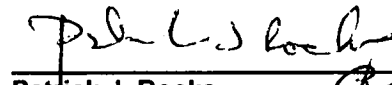
**Christina Herzog**  
**Acting Chief Financial Officer**

**Respectfully submitted:**



**Ron Huberman**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Approved as to Legal Form:** 



**Patrick J. Rocks**  
**General Counsel**