

**AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF THE PERSPECTIVES CHARTER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH
CONDITIONS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Authorize renewal of the Perspectives 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.

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Charter School Agreement (authorized by Board Report 97-0122-EX4) was for a term commencing July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 2002 and authorized the operation of a charter school serving no more than 150 students in grades 6 through 12. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2007, serving no more than 300 students (authorized by Board Report 01-1128-EX2). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012, serving no more than 1,900 students (authorized by Board Report 07-0523-EX6). The charter and Charter School Agreement were then renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017, serving no more than 2,600 students (authorized by Board Report 12-0328-EX12). The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently amended as follows:

- Board Report 15-0527-EX18: Identified the independent facility at 8522 S. Lafayette Avenue as the new location of Perspectives Charter School – Leadership Academy Campus and High School of Technology Campus beginning in the fall of 2016 contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facility Department.
- Board Report 16-0427-EX20: Delayed the relocation of the Perspectives Charter School – Leadership Academy Campus and High School of Technology Campus to 8522 S. Lafayette Avenue until the fall of 2017 contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facility Department. Also rescinded the authority to open the Perspectives Charter School – Chicago Lawn Campus.

CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL: Perspectives Charter School submitted a renewal proposal on September 14, 2016 to continue the operation of Perspectives Charter School under a unified mission. The charter school shall continue to serve grades 6 through 12 with a maximum enrollment of 2,600 students.

Also Perspectives Charter School proposed to relocate its Perspectives Charter School – Leadership Academy Campus and High School of Technology Campus to the independent facility at 8522 S. Lafayette

Avenue beginning in the fall of 2017 as identified in Board Report 16-0427-EX20. This Board approval of the relocation site is contingent upon the subsequent approval of the facility by the CPS Facility Department which shall include, without limitation, the receipt of all necessary zoning and occupancy permits and health and safety approvals for that site.

Campus Name	Year Opened	Address	At Capacity Grades	2016-2017 Enrollment	At Capacity Enrollment
Rodney D. Joslin	1997	1930 S. Archer Avenue	6-12	394	400
Leadership Academy	2006	8131 S. May Street 8522 S. Lafayette Avenue (in fall of 2017)	6-12	481	1,080
High School of Technology	2007	8131 S. May Street 8522 S. Lafayette Avenue (in fall of 2017)	9-12	381	540
Math and Science Academy	2008	3663 S. Wabash Avenue	6-12	469	580

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.

CHARTER EVALUATION: After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Perspective Charter School'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 November 21, 2016 for all contract and charter schools going through renewals to receive public comments, including Perspectives Charter School. 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, Perspectives Charter School be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

RENEWAL TERM: The term of Perspective Charter School's charter and agreement is being extended for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2022.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Additional terms and conditions will be communicated to the charter school by the Chief Executive Officer or his designee in a formal Letter of Conditions and will be included as an attachment to the Charter School Agreement with Perspectives Charter School.

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. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written Charter School Agreement. Authorize the 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 as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

FINANCIAL: The financial implications will be addressed during the development of the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an

appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY17 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

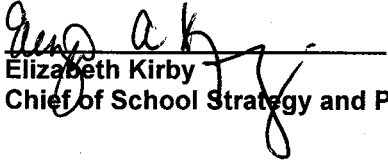
Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary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

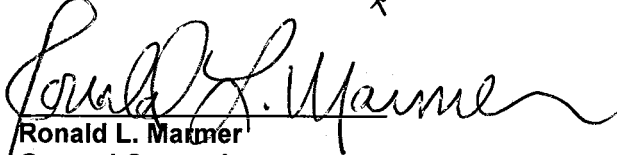
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