

May 28, 2026

**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 seven 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 Charter School Agreement authorized herein will only take effect upon certification by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Renewal and any related contracts must be executed by the current contract's expiration date in order for first-quarter funding to be released for the new contract term. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

**SCHOOL OPERATOR:** Academy for Global Citizenship, an IL not-for-profit corporation  
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**CHARTER SCHOOL:** Academy for Global Citizenship Charter School  
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**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 grades K through 8. The charter and Charter School Agreement were subsequently renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2020 (authorized by Board Report 15-0527-EX2). The charter and Charter School Agreement were further renewed for a term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2026 (authorized by Board Report 20-0122-EX2).

**CHARTER RENEWAL PROPOSAL:** Academy for Global Citizenship submitted a renewal proposal on September 30, 2025 to continue the operation of Academy for Global Citizenship Charter School ("AGC Charter School"). The charter school shall be located at 4942 W 44<sup>th</sup> Street and shall continue to 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.

**CHARTER EVALUATION:** After receiving the charter renewal proposal, the Office of Innovation and Incubation conducted a comprehensive evaluation of AGC 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 January 8, 2026, for all charter schools going through renewal to receive public comments, including AGC 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, AGC Charter School be authorized to continue operating as a charter school.

**RENEWAL TERM:** The term of AGC Charter School's charter and Charter School Agreement is being extended for a seven (7) year term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2033.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The following conditions shall be incorporated into the Charter Agreement between the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and Academy for Global Citizenship.

- By July 1st, 2026, and annually throughout the term, no one person shall hold a directorship and an executive position or other position with substantial financial decision-making authority.
- On an annual basis throughout the term, the school must meet state and federal rules governing English Learners as demonstrated by a rating of Partial or higher on formal compliance reports from the Office of Multilingual-Multicultural Education (OMME). Chicago Public Schools has designated OMME to conduct school visits and determine school compliance with state and federal rules regarding English Learner programs.
- The school must demonstrate progress toward implementing the Recommendations codified in the Special Education Renewal Site Visit Report by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD).
- On a bi-annual basis throughout the term, the school must submit a facility deficiency repair plan to communicate the status of the facility and ADA issues identified in the Facilities Assessment Report.

**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 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. Since the School Code of Illinois prohibits the incurring of any liability unless an appropriation has been previously made, expenditures beyond FY26 are deemed to be contingent liabilities only, subject to appropriation in subsequent fiscal year budgets.


**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy Section 404.2; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended, and a Contingent Liability provision.



**Approved for Consideration:**

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