
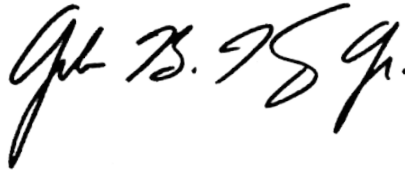




TO: P-12 Education Committee
FROM: Ken Slentz 
SUBJECT: Proposed Charters for Charter Schools Authorized by the Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY)

DATE: July 3, 2012

AUTHORIZATION(S):



SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the proposed charters for the following charter schools, authorized by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY): Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1, Citizens of the World Charter School New York 2 and Explore Envision Charter School?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by state statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the full Board of Regents for discussion and action at the July 2012 meeting.

Background Information

The proposed charters were approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees at their meeting on June 25, 2012, in their capacity as a charter school authorizer under Article 56 of the Education Law. These charters were approved by the SUNY Trustees as three of the new charters that the Trustees are authorized to approve under the request for proposals (RFP) process included in the 2010 amendments to the Charter School Statute of 1998. The following tables outline information about each of these three proposed charter schools. Additional details about each of the proposed schools are

included in the Summary of Findings and Recommendations from the SUNY Charter Schools Institute which are posted with this item on the Regents Web page at: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/>

Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1
Citizens of the World Charter School New York 2

Name of Proposed Charter School	Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1 Citizens of the World Charter School New York 2
Lead Applicant(s)	Jeremy Robbins
Management Company	None
Other Partner(s)	Citizens of the World Charter Schools, Inc.
District of Location	CSD 14
Facility	Both schools will seek facility space in CSD 14 from the NYCDOE. The NYCDOE indicated support for these proposed schools.
Proposed Opening Date	September 2013
Grade Levels/ Number of Students	Each school will open with 126 students in K-1 st grades; growing to 378 students in K-5 th grades.

The schools would partner with Citizens of the World Charter Schools, Inc. (the Network); a California based non-profit organization, for limited services including start-up interest free loans, school design, school leader support, and a licensing agreement for use of intellectual property. The Network currently partners with three charter schools in California. The proposed New York schools would replicate the school model employed by the California schools. The Network plans to expand in two other states by seeking authorization for two schools in each state, with similar structures as the California schools and the proposed New York schools. The SUNY Charter Schools Institute has concluded that the Network has the capability to provide human, financial and other resources to fully support its current and future charter school partners including Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1 and 2.

Explore Envision Charter School

Name of Proposed Charter School	Explore Envision Charter School
Lead Applicant(s)	Morty Ballen
Management Company	Explore Schools, Inc.
Other Partner(s)	N/A
District of Location	CSD 17 or 18
Facility	The goal of the proposed school's board is to locate the school in the same building as a closing/phasing out district school to serve as many of its students as possible.
Proposed Opening Date	August 2013
Grade Levels/ Number of Students	Opening with 240 students in K-3 rd grades; growing to 480 students in K-7 th grades.

The school intends to contract with Explore Schools, Inc., a New York based non-profit charter management organization which contracts with four other New York City charter schools: Explore Charter School and Explore Empower Charter School which are authorized by the NYCDOE Chancellor and, Explore Excel Charter School and Explore Exceed Charter School which are authorized by the SUNY Trustees.

The school specifically desires to serve students and families of a school determined to be failing and therefore closed or phased out by the New York City Department of Education in CSD 17 or 18 in Brooklyn. The goal of the proposed school's board is to locate the school in the same building as the closing/phasing out district school to serve as many of its students as possible. While the NYCDOE has indicated that it would recommend that the school occupy space in the same district building as a school being closed or phased out should such a situation be identified, the SUNY Charter School Institute has stated that any such co-location could not occur until completion of the statutorily mandated siting process which includes consideration and approval by the New York City Panel for Education Policy and approval by SUNY.

Recommendation

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter schools: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter of the Citizens of the World Charter School New York 1 as proposed by the Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) and issues a provisional charter to it for a term as prescribed by §2851(2)(p) of the Education Law.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter schools: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter of the Citizens of the World Charter School New York 2 as proposed by the Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY) and issues a provisional charter to it for a term as prescribed by §2851(2)(p) of the Education Law.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the proposed charter schools: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter of the Explore Envision Charter School as proposed by the Trustees of the State University of New York

(SUNY) and issues a provisional charter to it for a term as prescribed by §2851(2)(p) of the Education Law.

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents actions for the above-named charter schools will become effective immediately.