



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report for the Material Revision of Orange County Workforce Innovation High School

December 22, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to summarize significant findings based on a comprehensive review by Orange County Department of Education staff of the material revision request by Orange County Workforce Innovation High School (OCWIHS) in compliance with Education Code section 47607, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

OCWIHS is a grade 9-12 countywide charter school with one location in the City of Anaheim. On October 7, 2020, OCWIHS submitted a material revision to change the bylaws of the charter school's non-profit, Western Educational Corporation, eliminating the sole statutory member from the school's governance structure. The Orange County Board of Education held a public hearing on November 4, 2020, to consider the level of support for the charter school material revision request.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Material revisions of charters are governed by the standards and criteria described in Education Code section 47605, and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirements of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The revised OCWIHS charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605. The changes to the school's non-profit bylaws are consistent with best practice and the charter school's current operating structure.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Orange County Board of Education approve the Orange County Workforce Innovation High School material revision to change the non-profit bylaws, eliminating the sole statutory member from the school's governance structure.

VI. CONCLUSION

The Board has three options for action regarding a charter petition material revision:

- Option One: Approve the material revision.
- Option Two: Approve the material revision with conditions. This action would result in approval of the charter petition and require the school to address concerns raised by the Board by established timelines.
- Option Three: Deny the material revision request.

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