

AMENDED RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL CHARTER PETITION

**RESOLUTION AND WRITTEN FINDINGS
OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF
ORANGE COUNTY WORKFORCE INNOVATION HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the Charter Schools Act of 1992, Education Code section 47600 et seq.;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47607(a)(2) states that a chartering authority may grant one or more subsequent renewals pursuant to Education Code sections 47607 and 47607.2.

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47607(b) requires that renewals shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to new charter petitions as set forth in Education Code section 47605. However, a charter renewal shall not be denied based on the fiscal impact of the charter school on the district or a finding that the charter school is unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the charter school is located.

WHEREAS, Education code section 47607(c)(1) requires that in determining whether to grant a charter renewal, a chartering authority shall consider the performance of the charter school on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard.

WHEREAS, Education Code section 47607(c)(7) requires that in determining whether to grant a charter renewal for a charter school eligible for the state's Dashboard Alternative School Status, a chartering authority shall also consider, in addition to the charter school's performance on the state and local indicators included in the Dashboard, the charter school's performance on alternative metrics applicable to the charter school based on the student population served. The chartering authority may deny a charter renewal only upon making written findings, setting forth specific facts to support the findings that the closure of the charter school is in the best interest of students.

WHEREAS, a chartering authority may deny renewal of a charter upon a finding that the school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors or a finding that the school is

not serving all students who wish to attend. When denying a charter renewal for either of these reasons, a chartering authority shall provide the charter school at least 30 days' notice of the alleged violation and a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, including the submission of a proposed corrective action plan. The renewal shall be denied if a chartering authority finds either the corrective action proposed by the charter school has been unsuccessful or the violations are sufficiently severe and pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable. Any finding that a school is not serving all students who wish to attend shall specifically identify the evidence supporting the finding.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2020, the Orange County Board of Education (“Board”) received a petition from Western Educational Corporation, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, for the renewal of Orange County Workforce Innovation High School.

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2020, the Board held a public hearing on the charter renewal, at which, the Board considered the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the school district, other employees of the school district, and parents.

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020, the Board published staff recommendations and recommended findings developed by members of the Orange County Department of Education’s Charter School Unit regarding the renewal petition (“Staff Report”).

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the Board held a public hearing to grant or deny the renewal petition, at which, the petitioners had equal time and opportunity to present evidence and testimony to respond to the staff recommendations and finding.

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the level of support for Orange County Workforce Innovation High School and has reviewed the renewal petition, including all supporting documentation in accordance with the law.

WHEREAS, in reviewing the renewal petition, the Board has been guided by the intent of the California Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the renewal petition for a charter school by Western Educational Corporation for the operation of Orange County Workforce Innovation High School for a period of five years, beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Orange County Workforce Innovation High School will enter into an Agreement that addresses the operational relationship between the School, the Board and OCDE no later than May 31, 2021.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)
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I, Darouny Sisavath, Clerk of the Orange County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted by the Orange County Board of Education at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of June 2021, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

BY: 

Clerk of the Orange County Board of Education