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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN MEMORIAL SOCIAL SERVICE, INC., ON BEHALF OF DR. JOHN C. PITTMAN CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS**

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement, between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

On December 19, 2007, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board) approved a charter school application submitted for Dr. John C. Pittman Charter School (Pittman) and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years, commencing the 2008-2009 school year. However, pursuant to Section 7(f) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), the charter school requested to extend contract negotiations and defer the opening of school until the 2009-2010 school year due to difficulties in obtaining a feasible facility.

Pittman will be located at 11350 Dunbar Drive, Miami, Florida 33176, and will serve a maximum of 500 students in kindergarten through grade five, with a maximum of 116 students in kindergarten through grade two in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year. The term of the contract shall be for five years, ending on June 30, 2013, as a deferral to open was granted for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Ms. Ernestine Smith Davis, Social Services Supervisor, Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services; Mr. Anthony LaMar Brown, Administrative Officer, Florida International University; Ms. Frieda Lynette Brown, Vice-President, Total Bank; Dr. John C. Pittman, Associate Professor, Barry University; and Mr. Henry Lee Givens, Capital Inventory Specialist, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department.

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Section 7(b) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), stipulates that charter school contractual agreements that fully conform to the approved Standard Charter School Contract do not require review and recommendation by the Charter School Contract Review Committee and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the charter school contractual agreement with Martin Memorial Social Service, Inc., on behalf of Dr. John C. Pittman Charter School for a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

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