

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent
District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF 3 CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AUTHORIZATION

Section 1002.33, F.S., authorizes the establishment of charter schools in Florida. As provided in Section 1002.33(6), F.S., and School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) receives and reviews charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community. On August 1, 2011 the School Board received 93 applications to operate a charter school in Miami-Dade County. Pursuant to Section 1002.33 (6)(b)(3.), F.S., a sponsor must approve or deny an application no later than 60 calendar days after the application is received unless the applicants have agreed in writing to extend the statutory timeline.

EVALUATION

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, the District reviews all applications using an evaluation instrument developed by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and may include additional information or documents requested by the District. The Standard Model Application includes 19 standards of evaluation, certification and assurances declarations. The Sponsor shall deny any application that does not comply with the statutory requirements and/or Sponsor's instructions for charter school applications.

The Superintendent has appointed two committees with the responsibility to review and evaluate charter school applications: Technical Review Committee (TRC) and Application Review Committee (ARC). These committees are comprised of representatives from various District departments and are charged with identifying deficiencies in the written application and/or areas that require clarification to fully evaluate the quality of the application or the capacity of the applicant to properly implement the proposed plan. Applications that exhibit significant deficiencies are not reviewed by ARC but forwarded directly to the Superintendent with a recommendation for denial.

APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to School Board Policy 9800, *Charter Schools*, 3 charter school applications are being presented for final consideration by the School Board. Detailed in the chart below is a summary of each charter school application and the corresponding committee recommendation. The specific reasons for each recommendation can be found in the identified Attachment and the evaluation forms which are included and incorporated by reference in this Board item. Copies of the applications and evaluations, which are also

incorporated by reference in this Board item, 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 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

	<i>Type of Application</i>	<i>Proposed Name of School</i>	<i>Legal Entity</i>	<i>Committee Recommendation</i>	<i>Supporting Documentation</i>
1.	Traditional	Franklin Academy C	Florida Charter Foundation, Inc.	Approval	Attachment A
2.	Traditional	Franklin Academy E			
3.	Traditional	Franklin Academy F			

DUE PROCESS

To ensure proper notice and due process, each applicant was noticed of the Superintendent's intent to recommend approval to the School Board and provided a copy of the final evaluation prior to this School Board Meeting. The applicants were also informed of the School Board's Instructional Excellence and Community Engagement Committee Meeting and procedures for requesting to appear before the School Board at meetings and public hearings.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Approve the charter school application and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract reflecting the contents of the application as approved by the School Board for:
 - a. Florida Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Franklin Academy C;
 - b. Florida Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Franklin Academy E; and,
 - c. Florida Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Franklin Academy F.

Attachments
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**School Board Agenda Item C-31
 ATTACHMENT A**

APPLICANTS:

- **Franklin Academy C**
- **Franklin Academy E**
- **Franklin Academy F**

The M-DCPS' Charter School Application Review Committee (ARC) met to review the 3 charter school applications below and recommended approval to the Superintendent.

(1)/(2) Name of School	(3) Legal Entity Educational Service Provider (ESP)	(4) Initial Year	(5) Grade Levels Initial/Current Year Maximum	(5) Enrollment	(6) Focus/ Theme	(7) Founding/ Gov. Board Members	(8) Special Provisions or Requested Action(s)	(8) Initial Year Loss Revenue (\$) & Teacher Positions
(1) Franklin Academy C <i>ARC meeting date: January 20, 2012. By a majority vote, the ARC recommended approval.</i>	Florida Charter Foundation, Inc.	2012/2013	K-6	750	Single Gender	Founding Board Members: William Coe Kelly, Jr., Member, Egis Management, LLC; and David L. Thomas, Professor, Nova Southeastern University.	None	\$3,447,552 (29 Positions)
		2013/2014						\$3,447,552 (29 Positions)
	N/A		K-8	1,340				\$3,447,552 (29 Positions)
TOTAL REVENUE (\$):								\$13,789,408
								87

Initial Year Loss: The revenue and teaching positions indicated as "Initial Year Loss" provide an estimate of the potential impact to the District's General Fund (\$13,789,408) and instructional staffing (87 positions). The loss of revenue describes 95% of FEFP funds per student, based on 75% of the initial year's enrollment projection that will not be realized by the District for the current fiscal year. The loss in teaching positions, based on average class size requirements, reflects the possible reduction in basic teaching positions resulting from the anticipated decrease in students.

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