

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHARTER PETITION RENEWAL OF
ALPHA: CORNERSTONE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2255-2**

RESOLVED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education (“County Board” or “SCCBOE”), County of Santa Clara, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Education Code Section 47605, 47607, and their implementing regulations, on November 12, 2019, petitioners for the Alpha: Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School (“Alpha Cornerstone” or “Charter School”) presented to the Santa Clara County Office of Education (hereinafter “County Office of Education” or “SCCOE”) a charter petition (“Charter”) to renew the Alpha Cornerstone charter on appeal from Franklin McKinley School District (“FMSD”) and to have the County Board become its new authorizer; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Code Sections 47605 and 47607 the County Board held a public hearing on the provisions of the renewal Charter on November 20, 2019, at which time the County Board considered the level of support for the renewal Petition by teachers, other employees, and parents or guardians; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11966.5, SCCOE and Alpha Cornerstone have mutually agreed in writing to extend the County Board’s time for acting on the renewal request through and including January 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that Alpha Cornerstone has met the Education Code Sections 47607(b)(1)-(3) and 52052(f) alternative minimum academic performance criteria, “alternative measures that show increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils schoolwide and among numerically significant pupil subgroups;” and

WHEREAS, the County Board considered increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of pupils served by Alpha Cornerstone as the most important factor in determining whether to grant the requested renewal; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Education considered the past performance of Alpha Cornerstone’s academics, finances, and operation, and future plans for improvement, in evaluating the likelihood of future success by Alpha Cornerstone; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE Staff (“Staff”) has reviewed and analyzed the information received with respect to the renewal Charter and information related to the operation and potential effects of the proposed Charter School, and made a recommendation to the County Board that the Charter be renewed based on that review and prepared a written analysis, dated January 15, 2020,

(hereafter collectively “Staff Report, Analysis & Findings,” attached hereto as Exhibit “A”), setting forth that recommendation and proposed findings of fact specific to the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education and Alpha Cornerstone, have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed by Alpha Public Schools (“APS”)/Alpha Cornerstone on January 6, 2020, which outlines agreements among the SCCOE, APS and Alpha Cornerstone, governing their respective fiscal, operational, and administrative responsibilities, their legal relationship, and other matters not otherwise addressed or resolved by the terms of the renewal Charter; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has taken into consideration the information and documents submitted, including the renewal Charter, the statements and information presented at the public hearing, and the Staff Report, Analysis & Findings; and

WHEREAS, the County Board reviewed and deliberated on the renewal Charter, pursuant to the procedures set forth in California Education Code Sections 47605, 47607, and the implementing regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Board finds the above listed recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Board hereby adopts and incorporates by this reference as though set forth in full herein the written factual findings and specific facts supporting those findings as contained in the Staff Report, Analysis & Findings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Board, having fully considered and evaluated the Alpha Cornerstone renewal Charter and considered increases in pupil academic achievement for all groups of Alpha Cornerstone pupils as the most important factor, hereby finds that entering into the MOU and an addendum to the MOU is necessary to the sound operation of Alpha Cornerstone and that approval of the Alpha Cornerstone renewal Charter is consistent with sound educational practice only if Alpha Cornerstone timely enters into and complies fully with the terms of the MOU and an addendum to the MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the County Board does hereby approve the Charter for the renewal of Alpha: Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School, and directs that SCCOE and Alpha Cornerstone and its governing organization, APS, enter into an addendum to the MOU by April 30, 2020, to include the provisions described above, adding four parents (one to represent each Alpha school) to the APS board, three of which will be appointed within one year from January 15, 2020, and other issues addressed in the Staff Report, Analysis & Findings, and to clarify and outline the SCCOE and APS/Alpha Cornerstone’s agreements governing their respective fiscal, operational, and administrative responsibilities, their legal relationship, and other matters not otherwise addressed or resolved by the terms of the Charter and/or MOU. Failure to successfully enter into the addendum, including each of these terms, shall

be considered grounds for revocation of the Charter. The Charter is renewed for a period of five years of school operation, commencing on July 1, 2020, and continuing through and including June 30, 2025.

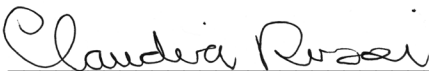
Passed and adopted by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on this 15th day of January 2020 by the following vote:

AYE: Vice President King, Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah and Song

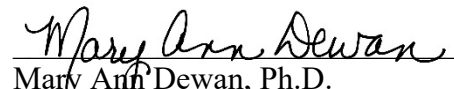
NO: President Rossi and Trustee Ortiz

ABSTENTION: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Santa Clara County Office of Education

EXHIBIT A

STAFF REPORT, ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

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EXHIBIT B

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