

CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Positive Outcomes Charter School

Charter Renewal

Final Report

November 28, 2023

On September 30, 2023, Positive Outcomes Charter School (Positive Outcomes) submitted an application to renew its charter for a term of five years. The purpose of the final meeting is for the Charter School Accountability Committee (CSAC) to review the renewal application in light of the relevant statutory criteria for renewal.

This report serves as a summary of the strengths, areas of follow-up and/or concerns identified by members of the Charter School Accountability Committee (CSAC) during their review of the charter applicant's renewal application, performance review reports, annual reports, and performance agreements and during CSAC meetings.

The following were in attendance at the final meeting of CSAC on November 21, 2023:

Voting Committee Members

- Kim Klein, Associate Secretary of Operations Support
- Aimee Beam, Education Associate, School Support
- Gregory Fulkerson, Education Associate, Academic Support
- Brook Hughes, Education Associate, Operations Support
- Joyce Leatherbury, Education Associate, Academic Support
- April McCrae, Education Associate, Academic Support
- Ted Molin, Community Member

Ex-Officio Members (Non-voting)

- Kendall Massett, Executive Director, Delaware Charter School Network
- Shawn Brittingham, Delaware State Board of Education

Staff to the Committee (Non-voting)

- Leroy Travers, Director, Charter School Office
- John Carwell, Education Associate, Charter School Office
- Faye Schilling, Education Specialist, Charter School Office

Representatives of Positive Outcomes Charter School

- Edward Emmett, Director
- Patti Kobus, Dean of Academics and Instruction
- Mrs. Rachel Hohman, Dean of Student Supports and Services

Discussion:

Kendall Masset- Thank you POCS (Positive Outcomes Charter School) for all the work you do.

Kim Klein- I have heard nothing but positive feedback around the school and the work that you do for our students. I wanted to share that I appreciate you and your dedicated staff, and all that your school has done to support students.

Edward Emmett- I wanted to thank the committee for their support during this entire process. This is by far the most efficient and organized renewal we have experienced.

Conclusion

Ms. Klein asked if there was a motion to recommend that Positive Outcomes has met the standard for charter operations under the charter school law and, therefore, its charter should be renewed for a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2024, with or without conditions. The motion was made and seconded to recommend approval without conditions and was carried unanimously.

Next Steps:

- On or before November 28th, CSAC will issue a final report, which will include its recommendation on the renewal application.
- The public comment period will close on December 7th.
- The Secretary of Education will announce his decision at the December 14th State Board of Education meeting and ask for the assent of the State Board.