

To: Board members of Liberty Leadership Academy

Date: 10-21-2020

Re: Special Meeting, Thursday, October 22, 4:00pm via Zoom

AGENDA ITEM: Liberty Leadership Academy's Request for a Good-cause Extension Issue

Liberty Leadership Academy is requesting a Good-cause Extension to the signing and execution of its charter contract with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (ASBCS). The charter was approved at the December 9, 2019 ASBCS board meeting which then granted 12 months to execute the charter contract. However, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, we were unable to continue negotiations to secure a building, and a condition to signing the charter contract is that a building must be secured and a lease in place before signing the charter contract.

We are required to have this action approved by our governing board. The Good-cause Extension is due to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools no later than October 30, 2020 for consideration at the November 20, ASBCS Board meeting. Consequently, we need your attendance at this Special Meeting.

Update

Although we had begun negotiations for securing a building in late 2019, those negotiations were suspended by the COVID-19 restrictions placed by the Governor of the Arizona and the Center for Disease Control in early March 2020. In addition, we were facing the uncertainty of how schools would continue to provide education and what impact those decisions would have on the opening of the school. Marketing, as well, was forced into being delayed as we had planned for multiple informational meetings and events to occur prior to the opening of the school. Consequently, we are now at a point where we are about eight months behind our original timeline. This extension will give us up to August 2022 to open, or sooner if conditions are favorable for us doing so.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of July 7, 2020 annual board meeting minutes (attached)