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)

#### **MINUTES**

Liberty Leadership Academy Annual Board Meeting July 7, 2020 6:00pm

Via Zoom and/or phone-in

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82179487104

Zoom phone in at 1 669 900 9128

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of Liberty Leadership Academy, an Arizona nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona was held Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

### Recognition of Attendees

Attending through Zoom were:

Mary Miller

Roy Miller

Chandra Tenley

Jeffrey Siereveld

**Chad Shilling** 

Guests attending through Zoom were:

Rachel Dubien

Mary Hayes

## Presiding Officers and Quorum

Roy Miller, President, called the meeting to order. A quorum being recognized, the meeting proceeded with its business.

## Approval of the Minutes

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 9, 2020 were accepted and approved.

# <u>Election to fill expiring director positions of Roy Miller and Chad Shilling and annual re-election of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and CEO positions</u>

On motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Roy Miller was elected to a three-year term as a board member and to the offices of President and Treasurer; Mary Frearson Hayes was elected to a three-year term as a board member, and Mary Miller was elected to continue in the officer positions of Secretary and CEO.

# Approval of the Treasurer's Report

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved as presented.

## **CEO Update**

Mary Miller, CEO commented on the hold of plans resulting from the COVID situation, relayed the continuing monitoring and assessment efforts of changes in school operations, thanked Chad Shilling for his service as board member, and relayed information about annual Conflict of Interest forms that will be sent out for completion.

## Principal Update

Rachel Dubien, proposed principal, also commented on the hold of plans created by the COVID situation, the assessment of various COVID related changes to future operational plans, and confirmed that the search for buildings is still active.

## Call to the public

There were no requests.

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Miller, Secretary 7-7-2010