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# Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

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**Meeting Date** January 2, 2025

**Subject** Charter Renewal Decision Hearing – Oakland Charter High School

**Ask of the Board** Vote

**Background** On February 8, 2017, the OUSD Board of Education voted to approve a five-year term for Oakland Charter High School (“OCHS”). Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Education Code Section 47607.4 extended this term an additional three years, resulting in a charter term which currently expires on June 30, 2025.

On November 5, 2024, OCHS submitted its renewal petition to OUSD. On December 9, 2024, the OUSD Board of Education held an Initial Public Hearing, where OCHS staff had the opportunity to present to the Board. In accordance with California Education Code, the OUSD Office of Charter Schools prepared a Staff Report which was posted publicly by December 18, 2024.

Additionally, following a formal investigation, the OUSD Board of Education issued a Notice on November 13, 2024, pursuant to Education Code 47607(e), outlining severe fiscal and governance concerns. OCHS submitted a Corrective Action Plan (“CAP”) on December 12, 2024.

OCHS was placed in the Middle tier by the State and is consequently eligible for a 5-year term.

**Discussion** The Charter Schools Act of 1992 established the criteria by which charter renewal applications must be evaluated. A charter school must meet the requirements set forth in Education Code (Ed Code) Sections 47605, 47607, and 47607.2. Specifically, a charter school is evaluated on the following renewal criteria:

- I. Has the Charter School Presented a Sound Educational Program?
- II. Is the Charter School Demonstrably Likely to Successfully Implement the Proposed Educational Program?
- III. Is the Petition Reasonably Comprehensive?

IV. Is the School Serving All Students Who Wish to Attend?

Per Education Code 47607(e), OUSD must also determine whether the following apply given the Notice and OCHS Corrective Action Plan:

1. The corrective action plan proposed by the Charter School has been unsuccessful; or
2. The violations are sufficiently severe and pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable.

While Staff continue to have significant concerns regarding the governance of the school's Charter Management Organization, it is Staff's opinion that there is not sufficient evidence at this time to conclusively demonstrate that the corrective action proposed by the charter school has been unsuccessful, nor that the violations are sufficiently severe and pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the renewal petition for Oakland Charter High School for five years, beginning July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2030. If approved, Staff additionally recommends the following as benchmarks for the OUSD Board to monitor progress on the challenges referenced:

1. Provide quarterly written updates to OCS and the OUSD Board, detailing progress on each action step as identified in the CAP.
2. Deliver annual in-person updates to the OUSD Board or Charter Committee, reviewing progress on implementing the CAP.
3. Share the results of the forensic audit and contract audit with OCS.
4. Expand the AMPS Board by adding two additional board members by the end of the 2024-25 school year.

**Fiscal Impact**

No direct fiscal impact.

**Attachment(s)**

- OCHS - Renewal Staff Report
- OCHS - Renewal Staff Presentation
- OCHS - Charter School Presentation
- OCHS - 47607(e) Notice and OCHS CAP Submission
- OCHS - Renewal Approval Resolution