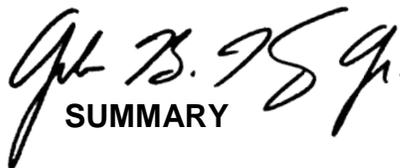




**TO:** P-12 Education Committee  
**FROM:** Ken Slentz   
**SUBJECT:** Charter Schools: Short-term Renewals for 3 Charter Schools Authorized by the Board of Regents  
**DATE:** December 21, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

  
SUMMARY

**Issue for Decision**

Should the Regents approve and issue short-term charter renewals for three charter schools authorized by the Board of Regents, whose charters expire mid-academic year?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This issue will come before the Regents P-12 Education Committee and the Full Board for action at the January 2013 meeting of the Board of Regents.

**Procedural History**

N/A

**Background Information**

The Board of Regents will consider the renewal of six Regents authorized public charter schools this academic year. Three of these schools have charters that expire during the current school year; La Cima Charter School (NYC CSD #16) and Rochester Academy Charter School (Rochester), have charters that expire on January 14, 2013, and Aloma D. Johnson Fruitbelt Community Charter School (Buffalo) has a charter that expires on February 11, 2013. The remaining three schools have charters that expire at the end of the current school year, on June 30, 2013.

The Department's Charter School Office is currently completing the review and evaluation of charter renewal applications for all six schools. Staff expects to bring a package of renewal recommendations to the Regents for consideration and action in the early spring. Staff is preparing the Renewal Recommendation Reports for the Regents that will include a summary of the staff findings and recommendations concerning each of the renewal applications, along with discussion about student performance, operational, and financial performance data for the schools. In keeping with the Department process to "right-size" charter expiration dates to the end of the school year; and to enable the three schools that currently have charters that will expire mid-year to remain operationally viable through the end of the school year; staff is recommending that the Regents grant short-term renewals to these three schools which will expire on June 30, 2013.

### **Recommendation**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the La Cima Charter School: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the La Cima Charter School, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the Rochester Academy Charter School: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Rochester Academy Charter School and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2013.

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that the Aloma D. Johnson Fruitbelt Community Charter School: (1) meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) will operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) is likely to improve student learning and achievement and materially further the purposes set out in subdivision two of section twenty-eight hundred fifty of Article 56 of the Education Law; and (4) will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves and issues the renewal charter of the Aloma D. Johnson Fruitbelt Community Charter School, and that its provisional charter be extended for a term up through and including June 30, 2013.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

The Regents action for the above named charter schools will become effective immediately.