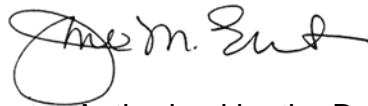





**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234**

**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Jhone M. Ebert   
**SUBJECT:** Revision to a Charter Authorized by the Board of Regents  
**DATE:** February 28, 2019  
**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Regents approve the proposed revisions to the charter of the following school authorized by the Board of Regents?

#### **1. Charter High School of Law and Social Justice**

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State statute.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The question will come before the full Board at its March 2019 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Procedural History**

The New York State Education Department (the Department) is making a recommendation to the Board of Regents for approval and issuance of a charter revision as required by Article 56 of the Education Law.

## **Background Information**

The Department recommends that the Board of Regents amend the charter of the Charter High School of Law and Social Justice. Information about the revision request is provided below.

## **Related Regents Items**

### **Charter School of Law and Social Justice**

#### **[December 2013 Initial Charter](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1213p12a2%5B1%5D.pdf)**

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#### **[May 2015 Revision to Change District of Location](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/meetings/May%202015/515p12a3.pdf)**

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#### **[March 2016 Revision to Change District of Location](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/316p12a2REVISED.pdf)**

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## **Recommendations**

VOTED: That the Board of Regents finds that: (1) the charter school meets the requirements set out in Article 56 of the Education Law, and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations; (2) the charter school can demonstrate the ability to operate in an educationally and fiscally sound manner; (3) granting the request to amend the charter 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) granting the request to amend the charter will have a significant educational benefit to the students expected to attend the charter school, and the Board of Regents therefore approves the charter revision for **Charter High School of Law and Social Justice** and amends the provisional charter accordingly.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

The Regents action for **Charter High School of Law and Social Justice** will become effective immediately.

Charter High  
School of Law and Social Justice

<b>Name of Charter School</b>	Charter School of Law and Social Justice
<b>Board Chair</b>	Richard Marsico, Esq.
<b>District of Location</b>	NYC CSD 10 (The Bronx)
<b>Opening Month/Year</b>	Fall 2015
<b>Current Charter Term</b>	September 2, 2015 – June 30, 2020
<b>Management Company</b>	None
<b>Facilities</b>	1960 University Ave, Bronx, NY 10453 – Private Space
<b>Maximum Approved Grade Levels/ Number of Students</b>	Grades 9-12; 450 students
<b>Mission</b>	<i>The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice will provide students from the Bronx with a comprehensive high school education and lay the academic and social groundwork for success in college and careers. Using a theme of law and social justice, the School will engage, inspire, and empower students, and will equip them with the academic skills to earn a Regents diploma and gain admission to the college of their choice prepared for success. The School will create a pathway for its students to law school and careers as attorneys. The pathway will include mentoring opportunities with law students and attorneys and partnerships with institutions of higher learning. These institutions will offer college and law school experiences to our students and share with them the academic benchmarks and habits necessary to gain entrance to college and law school.</i>
<b>Proposed Revisions</b>	<b>The School seeks to amend its charter to change the organizational structure of the school to add an Executive Director.</b>

On December 17, 2013, the Board of Regents approved and issued a five-year initial charter to the Charter High School of Law and Social Justice (or the “School”). The School is currently in its fourth year of operation and in its initial charter term. The School is currently serving 450 students in grades 9 through 12. The School has a permanent private facility in CSD 10.

The School’s Board has passed a resolution to add an Executive Director position for the school, pending Board of Regents approval, to provide the School with additional management experience capacity, a position to implement the overall strategic direction set by the School’s Board, and reduce the School’s reliance on independent consultants. The School’s Board believes that the Executive Director will provide scaffolding and supports to the Principal and allow that role to focus on teaching and learning rather than operational matters. By reducing the reliance on consultants, the School will be able to allocate the saved funding for the Executive Director position.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Regents §3.16(c)(ii) any change to a charter school’s “governance or leadership structure,” such as the revision proposed by this school, is considered a material charter revision. As such, an affirmative vote of the Board of Regents is required for the charter school to make this change to their leadership structure.

**Summary of Public Comment**

The required public hearing was held by the New York City Department of Education on February 11, 2019. Five people attended, and none spoke either in favor or opposition of this proposed charter revision.