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TO: P-12 Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Merger Revision Recommendation for Charter Schools
Authorized by the New York City Department of Education
Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of the State University
of New York

DATE: April 24, 2025

AUTHORIZATION(S): *[Signature]*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents approve the proposed merger of **Nuasin Next Generation Charter School** (an education corporation authorized by the Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education) with and into **Next Generation Charter School** (an education corporation authorized by the State University of New York Board of Trustees) with **Next Generation Charter School** as the surviving education corporation under the amended name “**Next Generation Charter Schools?**”

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

This issue will come before the P-12 Education Committee for recommendation, and the Full Board for action, at its May 2025 meeting.

Procedural History

The May 2010 amendments to Education Law §2853(1)(b-1) eliminated language that prohibited education corporations in New York from operating more than one charter school, and now allow charter schools and the families they serve to realize the many potential benefits of governance and operational merger.

The Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education made the revision recommendation being presented to the Board of Regents for approval and issuance as required by Article 56 of the Education Law.

Background Information

The merger of existing charter school governing boards requires revisions to each of the charters of the merging schools, which must be approved by the respective charter entity or entities involved. This means that in situations where schools that wish to merge have different charter entities, the approval of all parties – the boards of trustees of the schools and each chartering entity – is required before any such merger may occur.

The State University of New York Board of Trustees have yet to take action regarding this proposed merger. Regents action regarding this merger is required but the final merger is contingent upon approval by the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

Mergers have no impact on the number of charters available under the statutory charter cap. Mergers are generally administrative/governance-related revisions. The merger does not abridge the obligations of each of the applicable charter schools from individually meeting all authorizer standards, and each school continues to be held accountable to such standards separately.

Related Regents Items

Nuasin Next Generation Charter School

Initial Charter:

[September 2009: Charter Schools: Proposed Charter for Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2009/2009-09-7)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2009/2009-09-7>)

First Renewal:

[May 2014: Regents Item](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/514p12a4.pdf)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/514p12a4.pdf>)

Second Renewal:

[April 2019: Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools Authorized by the New York City Department of Education](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/419p12a4.pdf)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/419p12a4.pdf>)

CMO, Name Change and Organizational Change Revisions:

[May 2021: Revision Recommendation for a Charter School Authorized by the New York City Department of Education Chancellor](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/521p12a2.pdf)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/521p12a2.pdf>)

Third Renewal:

[May 2022: Renewal Recommendations for Charter Schools Authorized by the New York City Department of Education Chancellor](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/522p12a1.pdf)

(<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/522p12a1.pdf>)

Recommendation

The Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education recommends that the Board of Regents take the following action(s):

VOTED: That pursuant to the authority contained in Education Law §§ 223 and 2853(1)(b-1):

Nuasin Next Generation Charter School will be and hereby is merged with **Next Generation Charter School**, with **Next Generation Charter School** as the surviving education corporation under the amended name of “**Next Generation Charter Schools**.”

Next Generation Charter School, the surviving corporation under the amended name of “**Next Generation Charter Schools**,” shall continue to administer the educational operations and purposes of the constituent corporations in the same manner as they presently exist.

The separate existence of **Nuasin Next Generation Charter School** and **Next Generation Charter School** hereby ceases, and **Next Generation Charter School**, the surviving corporation under the amended name of “**Next Generation Charter Schools**,” is hereby vested with all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and authority possessed by or granted by law to each of the constituent corporations. All assets and liabilities of the respective constituent corporations are hereby assets and liabilities of such surviving corporation. All property, real, personal, and mixed, and all debts to each of the corporations on whatever account are hereby attached to **Next Generation Charter School**, the surviving corporation under the amended name of “**Next Generation Charter Schools**,” and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities, and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.

The merged corporation shall operate under the provisional charter granted to **Next Generation Charter School** under the amended name of “**Next Generation Charter Schools**.”

Timetable for Implementation

The Regents action for the above-named charter schools will become effective July 1, 2025 contingent upon approval by the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

Nuasin Next Generation Charter School

Table 1: Charter School Summary

Name of Charter School	Nuasin Next Generation Charter School (Nuasin)
Board Chair	Aaron Bothner
District of Location	New York City (NYC) Community School District (CSD) 9 ¹
Initial Commencement of Instruction	Fall 2010
Charter Term(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Charter: September 15, 2009 – September 14, 2014 First Renewal: September 15, 2014 – June 30, 2019 Second Renewal: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022 Third Renewal: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027
Comprehensive Management Service Provider	None
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 180 W. 165th St, Bronx, NY 10452 – Private Space 1366 Cromwell Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452 – Private Space
Innovative and Noteworthy Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended year and day Inquiry-based approach to teaching & learning College preparatory model Focus on social-emotional learning and restorative practices
Recommended Material Revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merger of Nuasin with Next Generation Charter School under the SUNY Board of Trustees as authorizer, effective July 1, 2025.

Rationale for Revision Recommendation

In accordance with Education Law, Article 56, Sections 2851(4) and 2852(2), the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) recommends that the Board of Regents grant the revision described above in the **Issue for Decision** section, for the following reasons.

- The merger is expected to permit more efficient and complete sharing of programming, practices, and resources for the schools' students with disabilities (SWD) and the schools' McKinney-Vento, economically disadvantaged (ED), and English language learning (ELL) students.
- The merger is expected to produce additional efficiencies, such as common governance and common oversight, and handling of finances.
- The requested revision will have no bearing on the number of charters available for issuance in New York City or the State.

¹ Twenty-five percent of all students residing in this district attend charter schools.

The Board of Regents granted an initial charter to Nuasin, operating as Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School, in September of 2009. Nuasin commenced instruction in Fall 2010, initially serving 138 students in Kindergarten through Grade 2. Nuasin’s charter was subsequently renewed by the Board of Regents in 2014, 2019, and 2022. The charter school was granted revisions in 2014, 2019, 2021, and 2022.

Table 2: Current Term Grade Levels and Authorized Enrollment

	Year 1 2022 to 2023	Year 2 2023 to 2024	Year 3 2024 to 2025	Year 4 2025 to 2026	Year 5 2026 to 2027
Grade Configuration	K – Grade 12	K – Grade 12	K – Grade 12	K – Grade 12	K – Grade 12
Total Recommended Enrollment	676	808	940	1,072	1,151

Figure 1: Elementary/Middle School Assessment Proficiency State and District Differentials Over Time Comparison to NYC CSD 9



Table 3: Elementary/Middle School Assessment Proficiency Outcomes

		ELA					Math				
		Nuaslin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	District Differential	NYS	NYS Differential	Nuaslin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	District Differential	NYS	NYS Differential
All Students	2018	41%	30%	+11	45%	-4	41%	26%	+15	45%	-4
	2019	31%	30%	+1	46%	-15	37%	28%	+9	47%	-10
	2022	47%	31%	+16	47%	0	41%	19%	+22	39%	+2
	2023	52%	33%	+19	48%	+4	63%	30%	+33	51%	+12
	2024	56%	30%	+26	47%	+9	70%	35%	+35	52%	+18
SWD	2018	26%	11%	+15	17%	+9	19%	11%	+8	18%	+1
	2019	8%	11%	-3	15%	-7	11%	11%	0	18%	-7
	2022	24%	12%	+12	16%	8	17%	7%	+10	14%	+3
	2023	19%	14%	+5	19%	0	33%	15%	+18	23%	+10
	2024	27%	13%	+14	18%	+9	47%	19%	+28	25%	+22
ELL	2018	17%	17%	0	25%	-8	24%	18%	+6	29%	-5
	2019	12%	18%	-6	25%	-13	21%	19%	+2	31%	-10
	2022	36%	22%	+14	29%	7	43%	14%	+29	25%	+18
	2023	40%	23%	+17	29%	+11	58%	24%	+34	34%	+24
	2024	35%	19%	+16	26%	+9	57%	29%	+28	37%	+20
ED	2018	41%	29%	+12	36%	+5	40%	25%	+15	34%	+6
	2019	32%	30%	+2	36%	-4	37%	28%	+9	37%	0
	2022	47%	30%	+17	37%	10	40%	18%	+22	28%	+12
	2023	51%	32%	+19	38%	+13	61%	30%	+31	40%	+21
	2024	56%	30%	+26	37%	+19	69%	35%	+34	42%	+27

Table 4: 4-Year Regents Cohort by Subgroup*

		All Students				SWD				ELL				ED			
		Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS	Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS	Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS	Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS
ELA	2017	50	98%	89%	+9	8	88%	69%	+19	9	100%	75%	+25	43	98%	86%	+12
	2018	51	92%	87%	+5	12	83%	71%	+12	.	.	.	.	44	95%	83%	+12
	2019	45	40%	81%	-41	.	.	.	.	6	17%	54%	-37	44	39%	75%	-36
	2020	51	53%	80%	-27	9	44%	52%	-8	.	.	.	.	49	55%	74%	-19
Global History	2017	50	96%	87%	+9	8	88%	66%	+22	9	89%	69%	+20	43	95%	84%	+11
	2018	51	96%	86%	+10	12	92%	72%	+20	.	.	.	.	44	95%	83%	+12
	2019	45	4%	82%	-78	.	.	.	.	6	17%	63%	-46	44	5%	79%	-74
	2020	51	35%	74%	-39	9	0%	45%	-45	.	.	.	.	49	37%	65%	-28
Math	2017	50	100%	90%	+10	8	100%	69%	+31	9	100%	79%	+21	43	100%	88%	+12
	2018	51	98%	91%	+7	12	92%	76%	+16	.	.	.	.	44	98%	89%	+9
	2019	45	98%	90%	+8	.	.	.	.	6	83%	73%	+10	44	98%	87%	+11
	2020	51	35%	84%	-49	9	33%	61%	-28	.	.	.	.	49	35%	79%	-44
Science	2017	50	98%	90%	+8	8	88%	70%	+18	9	100%	74%	+26	43	98%	87%	+11
	2018	51	98%	91%	+7	12	92%	77%	+15	.	.	.	.	44	98%	88%	+10
	2019	45	96%	90%	+6	.	.	.	.	6	83%	70%	+13	44	95%	88%	+7
	2020	51	71%	87%	-16	9	44%	71%	-27	.	.	.	.	49	69%	83%	-14
US History	2017	50	94%	85%	+9	8	88%	66%	+22	9	89%	67%	+22	43	93%	81%	+12
	2018	51	53%	84%	-31	12	25%	69%	-44	.	.	.	.	44	52%	80%	-28
	2019	45	100%	80%	+20	.	.	.	.	6	100%	64%	+36	44	100%	76%	+24
	2020	51	78%	74%	+4	9	67%	47%	+20	.	.	.	.	49	80%	66%	14

Table 5: High School Graduation Rates by Cohort*

		All Students				SWD				ELL				ED			
		Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS	Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS	Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS	Charter Total Cohort	Nuasini Next Generation CS	NYS	Differential to NYS
2017 Cohort	4 Year	50	92%	86%	+6	8	75%	65%	+10	9	89%	70%	+19	43	91%	81%	10
	5 Year	50	94%	89%	+5	7	86%	72%	+14	9	89%	75%	+14	42	95%	85%	+10
	6 Year	50	94%	90%	+4	7	86%	73%	+13	9	89%	76%	+13	42	95%	86%	+9
2018 Cohort	4 Year	51	88%	87%	+1	12	75%	69%	+6	.	.	.	.	44	89%	82%	+7
	5 Year	51	90%	89%	+1	12	83%	74%	+9	.	.	.	.	42	90%	85%	+5
	6 Year	51	92%	90%	+2	12	92%	75%	+17	.	.	.	.	42	93%	86%	+7
2019 Cohort	4 Year	45	91%	86%	+5	.	.	.	.	6	100%	68%	+32	44	91%	82%	+9
	5 Year	45	93%	89%	+4	.	.	.	.	6	100%	72%	+28	44	93%	85%	+8
2020 Cohort	4 Year	51	75%	86%	-11	9	67%	69%	-2	.	.	.	.	49	78%	81%	-3

*Dash marks in Tables 4 and 5 indicate data have been suppressed in accordance with New York State Education Department rules for maintaining student confidentiality. For further information on suppression rules, please see [New York State 2023-2024 Report Card Glossary & Guide](#).

Table 6: Aggregate Enrollment: Reported vs. Contracted

Nuasin Next Generation CS	Contracted Enrollment	Reported Enrollment	Percent of Contracted Enrollment
2019-2020	624	629	101%
2020-2021	676	685	101%
2021-2022	676	647	96%
2022-2023	676	674	100%
2023-2024	808	681	84%

Table 7: Subgroup Enrollment: Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged

	SWD			ELL			ED		
	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District
2019-2020	12%	25%	-13	21%	30%	-9	94%	94%	0
2020-2021	15%	25%	-10	22%	31%	-9	94%	94%	0
2021-2022	17%	25%	-8	19%	31%	-12	95%	94%	+1
2022-2023	18%	26%	-8	25%	31%	-6	95%	95%	0
2023-2024	18%	25%	-7	25%	30%	-5	97%	96%	+1

Table 8: Student Retention – Aggregate and Subgroup

	All Students			SWD			ELL			ED		
	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District	Nuasin Next Generation CS	NYC CSD 9	Differential to District
2019-2020	89%	78%	+11	90%	78%	+12	90%	80%	+10	88%	78%	+10
2020-2021	93%	82%	+11	94%	81%	+13	94%	84%	+10	93%	82%	+11
2021-2022	85%	77%	+8	88%	76%	+12	90%	78%	+12	85%	77%	+8
2022-2023	85%	79%	+6	85%	79%	+6	90%	79%	+11	86%	79%	+7
2023-2024	88%	79%	+9	85%	78%	+7	91%	80%	+11	89%	79%	+10

Summary of Public Comment

The required public hearing was held by the New York City Department of Education on February 13, 2025. Nineteen people attended the hearing, and five spoke. Five were in favor of the merger. No one spoke in opposition.