

Resolution Regarding Future Operations of Lafayette Academy and Esperanza

WHEREAS, Choice Foundation is committed to making exemplary public charter schools available to the children of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Choice Foundation is seeking educational leadership for its schools to further enhance the quality of education given to all of its students; and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed James Fulton as Interim Executive Director through the end of the 2019-2020 school year at the board's April 3rd meeting; and

WHEREAS, Myrialis King, the founder and leader of Foundation Prep, is a proven, effective charter school leader; and

WHEREAS, James Fulton, Myrialis King, and leaders of their respective boards of directors have investigated the benefits of an arrangement where Choice and Foundation Prep would work together to create a new charter management organization, Community Academies of New Orleans, with Myrialis King as the CEO and a Board of Directors appointed as set forth below to consolidate both charter organizations' schools under this new entity no later than the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, these parties have determined that all schools would benefit from such an arrangement; and

WHEREAS, Community Academies of New Orleans has been formed in furtherance of such arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the "2019-2020 Transitional Services Agreement" between Choice Foundation and Community Academies of New Orleans proposes that Community Academies of New Orleans through Myrialis King will manage, oversee, and coach Choice Foundation's Heads of School and direct the academic programming of those schools for the 2019-2020 school year, while James Fulton will continue to direct all operations for Choice Foundation schools for the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS, Choice Foundation and Foundation Preparatory, Inc. plan to appoint a Board of Directors for Community Academies of New Orleans according the schedule and under the rules set forth below,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Directors do hereby:
Support the creation of Community Academies of New Orleans;

Undertake such actions as necessary to prepare for an arrangement wherein Community Academies of New Orleans leads the current Choice Foundation and Foundation Prep schools starting at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year;

Approve the "2019-2020 Transitional Services Agreement;"

Designate four members of the seven-member founding Board of Directors of Community Academies of New Orleans (with the right to re-designate for any reason, including resignation

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or otherwise), with the anticipation that Community Academies of New Orleans will become the governing Board of the schools currently operated by Choice Foundation and Foundation Prep for the 2020-2021 school year;

Designate Alysson Mills and Pierre Conner of Choice Foundation's Board of Directors to serve as members of the Board of Directors of Community Academies of New Orleans along with Dante Green of Foundation Preparatory, Inc.'s Board of Directors, with each resigning from their respective boards effective July 1, 2019;

Designate an additional person to join the Board of Directors of Community Academies of New Orleans alongside an additional member nominated by Foundation Preparatory, Inc., by January 1, 2020;

Designate an additional person to join the Board of Directors of Community Academies of New Orleans alongside an additional member nominated by Foundation Preparatory, Inc., by July 1, 2020.

*Adopted by majority vote of the Board of Trustees
on July 8, 2019.*


Jesse Stewart
Secretary