

Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background:

On March 20, 2012, Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., (Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055), entered into a Charter School Agreement with The School Board of Broward County, Florida, that became effective July 1, 2012, and covered a term of five years commencing on July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(9)(n)(4), Florida Statutes, a Sponsor shall terminate a charter school agreement if the charter school earns two consecutive grades of “F.” On July 11, 2014, The Florida Department of Education released school letter grades for the 2013-2014 school year and, for the second consecutive year, Broward Charter School of Science and Technology - 5055, has received a state designated “F”. Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., submitted a request for a waiver of termination to the State seeking a waiver of termination under Section 1002.33(9)(n)(4)(c), Florida Statutes. On August 18, 2014, The State Board of Education denied the charter school’s waiver request. In addition to the mandatory termination under state law, Section 2.D.1.a of the Charter School Agreement states that “[t]he sponsor shall terminate a charter if charter school earns two consecutive school grades of “F.”

On August 5, 2014, The School Board of Broward County, Florida authorized the Superintendent to notify Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., (Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055), of the intent to terminate the Charter School Agreement. That notice was delivered on August 5, 2014, and the Governing Board of Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., (Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055), failed to request a hearing upon the proposed termination. On September 19, 2014, the Sponsor received notification from Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., that the official closing date of Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055, is October 13, 2014, which is prior to the expiration notice of the 90-day. Therefore, it is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida authorize the Superintendent of Schools to provide Broward Charter School of Science and Technology, Inc., (Broward Charter School of Science and Technology – 5055), notification of the termination of the Charter School Agreement. An Executive Summary is attached which provides the grounds for termination in reasonable detail.

A copy of all supporting documents are available at the Charter Schools Management/Support Department on the 12th floor of the K.C.W. Administration Center.

A copy of all supporting documents are available online via the Broward County Public Schools eAgenda at:

<https://webappe.browardschools.com/eagenda/>.

This item has been approved as to form and legal content by the Office of the General Counsel.