

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date 11/5/13	Open Agenda ___ Yes <u>X</u> No	Special Order Request ___ Yes <u>X</u> No	Agenda Item Number L-3
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TITLE: Charter Application Approval – The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.. (Ben Gamla Charter High School)

REQUESTED ACTION:
 Approve the application for The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.. (Ben Gamla Charter High School), to open a charter school serving grades 9-12 for the 2014-2015 school year and authorize the Superintendent to issue a notice of approval. Subsequent School Board approval shall be required prior to the signing of a written charter school agreement establishing the operation of the charter school.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:
 Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, authorizes the submission of applications for a new charter school. The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.. (Ben Gamla Charter High School), submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Superintendent of Schools appointed a Charter School Review Committee to review and analyze the application from The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.. (Ben Gamla Charter High School). The committee is comprised of representatives from Instruction and Intervention, Budget, Facilities, District Administration, Student Transportation and Fleet Services, Exceptional Student Education and Support Services, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and other areas of the organization. Utilizing the Model Florida Charter School application format, the Committee reviewed the application in detail.

Based on the review, the application is recommended for approval. The mission and academic design of the application meets the minimum requirements of state law and state standards. The school shall open their first year as a grades 9-10 public charter school, serving a total of 550 students. The school will increase a grade level per year until achieving 9-12 status. The maximum enrollment capacity of the school will be 1,100 students. The final updated budget and insurance documents will be required prior to approval of the charter school agreement. The charter agreement shall address any issues identified by District staff, which require revision or further explanation. The charter school has adopted the same 180-day student calendar in place for the Broward County Public School System.

A copy of all supporting documents is available at the Charter Schools Support office on the 12th floor of the K.C.W. Administration Center.

A copy of all supporting documents is available online via the Broward County Public Schools eAgenda at: <http://eagenda3.broward.k12.fl.us/cgi-bin/WebObjects/eAgenda>.

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

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

- Goal 1: High Quality Instruction
- Goal 2: Continuous Improvement
- Goal 3: Effective Communication

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
 There is no financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)

- Executive Summary
- The National Ben Gamla Charter School Foundation, Inc.. (Ben Gamla Charter High School), application
- Draft letter of approval

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Approved in Open Board Meeting on: NOV 05 2013
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