

Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background:

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, authorizes the submission of applications for a new charter school. Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Parks Academy Charter School), submitted a formal application to start a public charter school for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Superintendent of Schools appointed a Superintendent's Charter School Review Committee to review and analyze the application from Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Parks Academy Charter School). The committee is comprised of representatives from Budget, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Exceptional Student Education and Support Services (ESE), Facilities, Instruction and Intervention, District Administration, 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 K-5 public charter school, serving a total of 395 students. The maximum enrollment capacity of the school is unknown at this time. 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 Management/Support Department 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: <https://webappe.browardschools.com/eagenda>.