

COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Resolution Number: 08-05

Approving a Charter to Thomas McLaren State Charter School

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. 22-30.5-501 et seq., ("the Act"), the Thomas McLaren State Charter School ("the charter applicant") submitted a proposal on September 5, 2008 to the Charter School Institute ("the Institute") for approval of the charter for the Thomas McLaren State Charter School to operate as an Institute charter school within the geographic boundaries of the Colorado Springs District 11 ("the local district"), beginning in the 2009-2010 school year; and

WHEREAS, the charter school application has been reviewed by the Executive Director of the Institute and members of the Institute's Board; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2008 the Institute held a public review of the application and presented requests for additional information and clarification to the charter applicant (attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. 22-30.5-510 (2), the Board has considered the application at a public meeting held on November 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Act, at C.R.S. 22-30.5-510 (2), requires the Board to rule by resolution on the application within sixty days after its receipt; and

WHEREAS, both the Institute and the charter applicant agreed to waive the sixty day deadline; and

WHEREAS, the Board has thoroughly considered the charter school application, the requirements of the Act, the information presented by the charter applicant at the public meetings, the additional written materials submitted by the charter applicant, the comments and concerns of the Institute board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the charter school application meets the requirements of a charter school application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the Charter School Institute, that the application for the Thomas McLaren State Charter School to operate as an Institute charter school located within the geographic boundaries of the Colorado Springs District 11 is approved for a term of five years, with the following conditions:

1. A plan to increase the diversity of governing board over the next year;
2. Adoption of clear conflict of interest policies to take effect over time to preserve the mission and vision of the school but address nepotism and other potential conflicts;
3. Adoption of clear, attainable goals for enrollment of low income, minority, and other students at risk of academic failure, and a strong recruitment plan to reach those goals;
4. A detailed letter of intent for facility and a workable budget for that facility by March 1, 2009;

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2008.

State Charter School Institute

By: 
President, Charter School Institute Board

Attest: 
Secretary, Charter School Institute Board