

BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

Petitioner,

DOAH Case No.: 13-1148
Honorable Robert E. Meale

vs.

EXCEL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC.,

Respondent.

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HEARINGS

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Palm Beach County School Board (the "School Board") on July 31, 2013, for the purpose of addressing Excel Leadership Academy, Inc.'s ("Respondent") Exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order. The Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order was entered on June 6, 2013, recommending that the Palm Beach County School Board enter an Order declining to renew Respondent's Charter.

Laura E. Pincus, Deputy General Counsel, and Bruce A. Harris, Senior Counsel, Academics, represented the Petitioner. The Respondent was represented by, Qualified Representative, Christopher Norwood, J.D. Upon review of the Recommended Order, the Exceptions, the Response to the Exceptions and argument of Parties, and after review of the complete record in this case, the SCHOOL BOARD makes the following findings and conclusions:

RULINGS ON EXCEPTIONS

The SCHOOL BOARD reviewed and considered the three Exceptions filed by the Respondent in this matter and rejects Respondent's Exceptions one through three.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

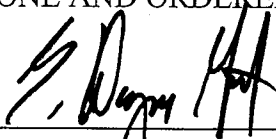
1. The findings of facts set forth in the Recommended Order are approved, adopted and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
2. There is competent substantial evidence to support the findings of facts.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

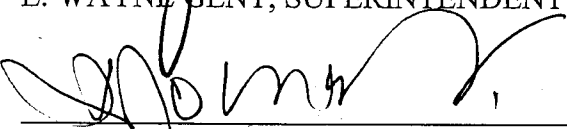
1. The SCHOOL BOARD has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Section 120.57(1) Fla. Stat.
2. The conclusion of law set forth in the Recommended Order are approved, adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUGED, that the Recommended Order from the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted and approved by the School Board and resolves all issues relating to the non-renewal of Respondent's Charter. Accordingly, the Board hereby issues a FINAL ORDER to non-renew Respondent's Charter upon the end of its term on June 30, 2013. This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with Clerk of the PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED this 7th day of August 2013.

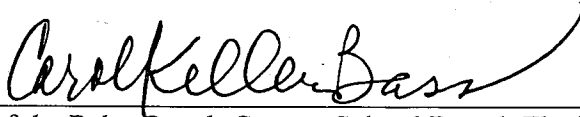


E. WAYNE GENT, SUPERINTENDENT



DEBRA L. ROBINSON, M.D., VICE CHAIRMAN

Filed in the official School Board records with the Clerk of the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, this 7th day of August 2013.



Clerk of the Palm Beach County School Board, Florida

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

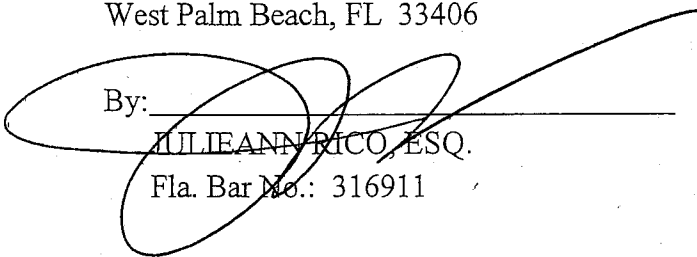
This Final Order constitutes final agency action. Any party who is adversely affected by this Final Order has the right to seek judicial review of the Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., by the filing of a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, and a copy of the Notice of Appeal together with the applicable filing fee with the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeals, within thirty (30) days from the date this Final Order is filed with the Clerk of the School Board.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by US Mail this 16th day of August 2013 to Christopher Norwood, J.D., The Governance Institute for School Accountability(GISA), 14844 Breckness Place, Suite 100, Miami Lakes, Florida 33016, Laura Pincus and Bruce Harris, Adams, 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Ste., C-323, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, and Robert E. Meale, Administrative Law Judge, State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, 1230 Appalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060.

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