

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
December 5, 2022**

**RENEWAL OF CHARTER FOR UNIVERSAL ACADEMY
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs - Public School Academies, School of Education and Human Services.

2. **Introduction:** In 2020, the Oakland University ("University") Board of Trustees ("Board") authorized the charter of Universal Academy ("Academy") as a public school academy under the Michigan Revised School Code, for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2023 ("Agreement").

The Academy has submitted an application to the University to renew its charter, and the University's Office of Public School Academies ("PSA Office") supports the renewal. The PSA Office reviewed the application, and found it to be consistent with the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE") requirements and the University's educational mission. During the three-year term of the Agreement, the Academy has established a strong academic program and maintained strong leadership and governance. The PSA Office recommends and seeks the Board's approval to renew the Academy's charter for a term of five years, through June 30, 2028.

If approved by the Board, a new charter agreement will be prepared for the Academy that incorporates standardized MDE requirements. That agreement will be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and will be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conform to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel. The University will be able to terminate that agreement upon any breach, the Academy's failure to fulfill any of the statutory requirements applicable to public school academies, or without cause at the discretion of the University at the end of the Academy's current academic school year.

3. **Previous Board Action:** On October 5, 1995, the Board approved Oakland University's Policy on Public School Academies and Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications. On August 3, 2005, the Board approved the Academy's application. On May 2, 2007, the Board approved the amendment of the Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications. On August 6, 2012, the Board approved a second amendment of the Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications.

4. **Budget Implications:** Oakland University receives three percent (3%) of the state school funding received by Universal Academy as an administrative fee for performing oversight.

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5. Educational Implications: The philosophy of Universal Academy is aligned with that of Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services ("School") and will be able to strengthen the mission of the School. Furthermore, Universal Academy will educate a well rounded and high achieving student body which in turn may become future Oakland University students.

6. Personnel Implications: There are no personnel implications associated with this resolution.

7. University Reviews/Approvals: The Academy's request for renewal of its charter was reviewed and recommended by the PSA Office. The recommendation was approved by the Dean of the School of Education and Human Services and the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

8. Recommendation:

WHEREAS, the University has received Universal Academy's application requesting that the Board renew its charter and continue to authorize Universal Academy as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University has determined it is in the best interest of the University and the State of Michigan to continue to authorize Universal Academy as a public school academy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the application submitted by Universal Academy meets the requirements of the Board and of applicable law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the Academy's application to renew its charter authorizing the Academy to continue as a public school academy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the University administration shall negotiate and finalize an agreement with the Academy in a form that incorporates the standardized requirements of the Michigan Department of Education and with such provisions as shall be required or authorized by the Michigan Revised School Code of 1976 as amended; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of the agreement with the Academy shall expire no later than June 30, 2028; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and shall be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and shall conform to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and their respective designees, to perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all contracts, instruments and documents that are necessary, expedient and proper in connection with Universal Academy and the ongoing administration of Oakland University's oversight function.

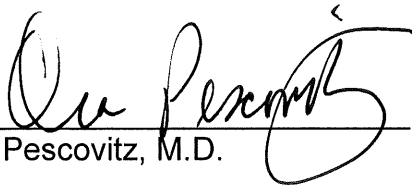
9. **Attachments:** None

Submitted to the President
on 12/1, 2022 by



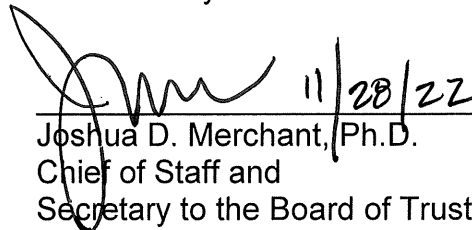
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Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 12/1, 2022
to the Board for approval by



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

Reviewed by



11/28/22
Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.
Chief of Staff and
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