

**Agendum  
Oakland University  
Board of Trustees Formal Session  
August 6, 2012**

**RENEWAL OF CHARTERS FOR DOVE ACADEMY OF DETROIT, DETROIT EDISON  
PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY, STAR INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY AND  
DETROIT ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

**A Recommendation**

- 1. Division and Department:** Academic Affairs - Public School Academies and Urban Partnerships, School of Education and Human Services.
- 2. Introduction:** The Oakland University ("University") Board of Trustees ("Board") authorized the charters of the following public school academies (collectively "Academies").
  - a. Dove Academy of Detroit ("Dove") in 1997.
  - b. Detroit Edison Public School Academy ("Detroit Edison") in 1997.
  - c. Star International Academy ("Star") in 1998.
  - d. Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences ("DAAS") in 2002.

Pursuant to those Board actions, academies must come before the Board every ten years for renewal of their charter contract (Agreement) so that they can continue as a public school academy. All of these Academies have reached that threshold time allotment, and excepting Detroit Edison, their respective Agreements that were scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012 are now being continued on a month-to-month basis pending Board action. Detroit Edison's Agreement expires on August 15, 2012.

During the terms of their respective Agreements, each of the Academies demonstrated academic and management proficiency and each have experienced growth and varying levels of success. Upon request by the University's Office of Public School Academies and Urban Partnerships ("PSA Office"), the Academies each submitted applications to renew their charters. The PSA Office reviewed each of the Academies' renewal applications, and found each of them to be consistent with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requirements and the University's educational mission. The PSA Office recommends that the Board renew each of the Academies respective charters, and authorize that each of the Academy charters be renewable for up to 15 years coterminous with each Academy's academic school year, or through June 30, 2027. While the requested term of charter authorization is 15 years, the PSA Office intends to issue charter agreements in shorter term increments, perhaps from three to six years

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depending upon school performance and related factors, renewable by the PSA Office through June 30, 2027.

Public school academies in Michigan were created by statute in 1994. Since that time, MDE has standardized the requirements for Agreements that incorporate the standardized MDE requirements. All of the Agreements for the respective Academies 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 those Agreements upon an Academy breach, or the Academy's failure to fulfill any of the statutory requirements applicable to public school academies, without any University liability to the Academy, to any pupil, parent, guardian or any other person.

**3. Previous Board Action:** On October 5, 1995, the Board approved Oakland University's Policy on Public School Academies. On May 2, 2007, the Board approved the amendment of the Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications. Previous Board Action for each of the Academies is as follows:

**a. Dove Academy of Detroit**

The Board passed a resolution approving the application of the Dove Academy of Detroit on February 6, 1997 ("Dove"). The University and Dove entered into an Agreement effective July 18, 1997 and continuing through August 31, 2000, which was amended on September 1, 2000 (Extend Term of Agreement), and December 1, 2001 (Grade Expansion). The University and Dove entered into a restated Agreement on June 30, 2003. The University and Dove entered into a new Agreement on September 1, 2007.

**b. Detroit Edison Public School Academy**

The Board passed a resolution approving the application of the Detroit Edison Public School Academy on February 6, 1997 ("Detroit Edison"). The University and Detroit Edison entered into an Agreement effective February 1, 1998 and continuing through June 30, 2001, which was amended on July 1, 2001 (Extend Term of Agreement), September 17, 2004 (Location) and June 28, 2006 (Extend Term of Agreement). The University and Detroit Edison entered into a new Agreement on August 30, 2006.

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**c. Star International Academy**

The Board passed a resolution approving the application of the Star International Academy (originally named High Scope Academy) on April 2, 1998 ("Star"). The University and Star entered into an Agreement effective July 31, 1998 and continuing through August 31, 2001, which was amended on March 12, 1999 (Name Change), September 1, 2001 (Extend Term of Agreement), September 26, 2002 (Location), June 16, 2003 (Location), September 16, 2003 (Location) and August 10, 2005 (Location). The University and Star entered into a new Agreement on June 20, 2007.

**d. Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences**

The Board approved the application of the Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences on August 7, 2002 ("DAAS"). The University and DAAS entered into an Agreement effective July 1, 2003 and continuing through June 30, 2006, which was amended on June 30, 2003 (Update Certain Agreement Provisions), June 30, 2006 (Extend Term of Agreement), April 2, 2008 (Location); June 30, 2009 (Extend Term of Agreement) and December 14, 2011 (Location).

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

**5. Educational Implications:** The philosophy of each 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, the Academies 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 Academies' requests for renewal of their Agreements were reviewed and recommended by the Public School Academy Office and the Review Committee. The recommendation was approved by the Dean of the School of Education and Human Services and the Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

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**8. Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Revised School Code of 1976, as amended permits the Board to authorize public school academies meeting the requirements of the Board and the requirements of applicable law; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1995, the Board approved the Oakland University Policy on Public School Academies and Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2007, the Board approved an amendment of the Criteria for the Evaluation of Applications; and

WHEREAS, the University has received each Academy's application requesting that the Board renew their respective Agreements and continue to authorize each 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 the Academies as public school academies; now, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the applications submitted by Dove Academy of Detroit, Detroit Edison Public School Academy, Star International Academy and Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences each meet the requirements of the Board and of applicable law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the applications of each Dove, Detroit Edison, Star and DAAS; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the University administration shall negotiate and finalize Agreements with Dove, Detroit Edison, Star, and DAAS, respectively, 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 Revised School Code of 1976 as amended; and, be it further

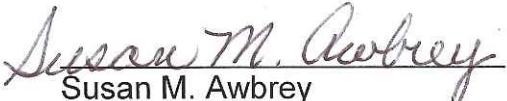
RESOLVED, that the term of the Agreements with Dove, Detroit Edison, Star, and DAAS shall expire no later than June 30, 2027; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Agreements 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.

9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the President  
on 8/11, 2012 by

  
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Interim Senior Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 8/1, 2012  
to the Board for Approval by

  
Gary D. Russi  
President