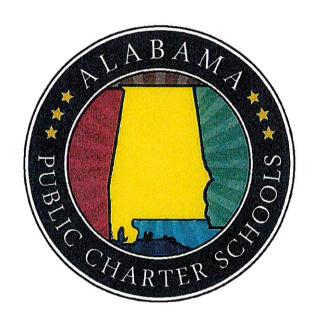
# ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION



# PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

### **CHARTER CONTRACT FOR CHARTER AUTHORIZERS**

### **PURPOSE**

Pursuant to the Alabama School Choice and Opportunity Act (Act 2015-3), the Alabama Public Charter School Commission (Commission) reviews applicable applications; approves or rejects applicable applications; enters into charter contracts with applicants; oversees public charter schools; and decides whether to renew, not renew, or revoke charter contracts. A charter contract is a fixed-term renewable contract between a public charter school and an authorizer (Commission) that outlines the roles, powers, responsibilities, and quantitative and qualitative performance expectations for each party to the contract.

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# PUBLIC CHARTER CONTRACT

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

# NOTE

This contract is based on key charter contract components required by Act 2015-3. At a minimum, the charter contract must rely on the following information:

- Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act (Act 2015-3)
- Public Charter School Rules and Regulations
- \*Principles & Standards for Quality Charter School Authorizing (Most Recent Edition)
- \*Taken from <u>National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA)</u>
- Other Alabama State Department of Education Office of Public Charter Schools Resources and Links

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  - Terms and Conditions
  - Parties
  - Recitals
  - Article I: Purpose, Term and Conditions Precedent
  - Article II: Definitions
  - Article III: School's Purpose
  - Article IV: Governance
  - Article V: General Operational Requirements
  - Article VI: Enrollment
  - Article VII: Tuition and Fees

- Article VIII: Educational Program/Academic Accountability
- · Article IX: Financial Accountability
- · Article X: School Facilities
- Article XI: Employment
- · Article XII: Insurance and Legal Liabilities
- · Article XIII: Oversight and Accountability
- Article XIV: Commission's Rights and Responsibilities
- Article XV: Breach of Contract, Termination, and Dissolution
- Article XVI: Miscellaneous Provisions
- Article XVII: Notice

ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

# PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

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# **CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT**

FOR THE OPERATION OF Legacy Prep

PARTIES:

Authorizer Name: ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

Legacy Schools, an Alabama Nonprofit Corporation, and 812601194

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# **PARTIES**

This agreement is executed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018 by and between the Alabama Public Charter School Commission ("Commission") and Legacy Schools ("Governing Board"), for the operation of Legacy Prep ("School").

# ARTICLE I: PURPOSE, TERM AND CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

# Section 1.1 Purpose

This Contract outlines the roles, powers, responsibilities, and performance expectations for the Governing Board's establishment and operation of Legacy Prep, (the "School"), a public charter school. The Governing Board must comply with all of the terms and provisions of this Charter School Contract ("Contract") and all applicable rules, regulations, and laws.

# Section 1.2 Term of Contract

An initial charter shall be granted for a term of five operating years. The charter term shall commence on the public charter school's first day of operation. An approved public charter school may delay its opening for one school year in order to plan and prepare for the school's opening upon written notice to the authorization of no less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the original date of opening. If the school requires an opening delay of more than one year, the school shall request an extension from its authorizer. The authorizer may grant or deny the extension depending on the particular school's circumstances. Ala. Code § 16-6F-7

# **Section 1.3 Pre-Opening Conditions**

The School shall meet all of the Pre-Opening Conditions identified in Attachment 1: Pre-Opening Process and Conditions by the dates specified. Satisfaction of all Pre-Opening Conditions is a condition precedent to the formation of a contract. Upon written request of the Governing Board, the Commission may waive or modify the conditions contained in the Pre-Opening Conditions or may grant the School an additional planning year upon good cause shown.

# **ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Contract, and in addition to the terms defined throughout this Contract, each of the following words or expressions, whenever capitalized, shall have the meaning set forth in this section:

**ACT**. The *Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act* as enacted as Act Number 2015-3 to provide for public charter schools.

**APPLICANT.** A group with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or that has submitted an application for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status that develops and submits an application for a public charter school to an authorizer.

**APPLICATION**. A proposal from an applicant to an authorizer to enter into a charter contract whereby the proposed school obtains public charter school status.

**AUTHORIZER**. An entity authorized under the Act to review applications, approve or reject applications, enter into charter contracts with applicants, oversee public charter schools, and decide whether to renew, not renew, or revoke charter contracts.

**CHARTER CONTRACT.** A fixed-term renewable contract between a public charter school and an authorizer that outlines the roles, powers, responsibilities, and quantitative and qualitative performance expectations for each party to the contract.

**COMMISSION**. The Alabama Public Charter School Commission serving the role as the Authorizer in this contract.

**DEPARTMENT.** The Alabama State Department of Education.

**EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER**. An entity with which a public charter school intends to contract with for educational design, implementation, or comprehensive management. This relationship shall be articulated in the public charter school application.

FISCAL YEAR. October 1 through September 30.

**GOVERNING BOARD**. The independent board of a public charter school that is party to the charter contract with the authorizer. A governing board shall have at least 20 percent of its membership be parents of students who attend or have attended the public charter school for at least one academic year. Before the first day of instruction, the 20 percent membership requirement may be satisfied by parents who intend to have their students attend the public charter school.

**LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD**. A city or county board of education exercising management and control of a city or county local school system pursuant to state law.

**LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM**. A public agency that establishes and supervises one or more public schools within its geographical limits pursuant to state law. A local school system includes a city or county school system.

**NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORIZING STANDARDS.** Standards for high-quality public charter schools issued by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers.

**NON-CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL.** A public school other than a school formed pursuant to the Act. A public school that is under the direct management, governance, and control of a local school board or the state.

PARENT. A parent, guardian, or other person or entity having legal custody of a child.

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL. A public school formed pursuant to the Act.

RESIDENCE. The domicile of the student's custodial parent.

SCHOOL YEAR. July 1 through June 30.

**START—UP PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**. A public charter school that did not exist as a non-charter public school prior to becoming a public charter school.

STUDENT. Any child who is eligible for attendance in public schools in the state.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT. The State Superintendent of Education.

# ARTICLE III: SCHOOL'S PURPOSE

# **Section 3.1 Executive Summary**

Legacy Prep will be a part of the collective movement to end educational inequity. Schools cannot solve all these problems, but research suggests better education would do more to promote equality than any other strategy (Jenks and Philips, 1998). Legacy Prep will focus on the development of the innovative and applied problem solving and critical thinking skills that the new economy demands and that will change lives and communities.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century world is dynamic; the routine is being automated and outsourced. Innovative visionaries who create value are being rewarded. The primary goal for Legacy Prep is therefore not to simply teach academic content to raise test scores, but to leverage content to help students to be intellectually curious, collaborative and creative innovators, and possess a social justice mindset to solve real-world problems.

At Legacy Prep, we believe that a high-quality education is the foundation upon which children build and realize their highest potential. Our commitment is to prepare our students for a changing local, national, and global context by re-envisioning our educational approach, and in so doing, foster a generation of change-agents, innovators, and leaders that not only think with their mind and heart. We also believe meaningful and lasting learning experiences do not happen in isolated silos, but are interconnected, and thus, so should academic learning in schools. We believe that children are naturally curious, observant, and creative and that it is our goal as a school to nurture these by providing authentic exploration and investigative opportunities beginning when children are young. We believe the visual and performing arts invite creativity and innovation, while science and technology-based instruction develops problem-solving and critical thinking skills that are needed to make personal and professional decisions in an ever-evolving world. We believe the sciences, technology, engineering, and the arts are catalysts for this creative expression and the building of skills that are needed for future-ready scholars, leaders, and citizens. Likewise, we believe, no matter what a child does when he or she "grows up", success and happiness at home, in school, and in the workplace will be enhanced greatly if that child has a foundation of strong language skills; And that child has a much better chance of developing strong language skills with a focus on language development and literacy as early as possible.

The STEAM component, which builds its foundation on interdisciplinary and problem/project- based learning, allows students to connect their learning. This creates the context by which more enduring or lasting learning can take place. STEAM also allows teachers to more effectively reach minority students through hands-on, collaborative instructions and activities. The group- work environment often forces students who were previously sat back to engage and ask questions in order to understand what their role in the group is and better contribute. The literacy focus of Legacy Prep also seeks to ensure students can read and comprehend school level complex texts as well as to utilize and comprehend academic and career language that empowers them to competitive throughout their educational and professional paths.

# Section 3.2 Mission and Vision

Our mission is to educate and empower our scholars to embrace their identity, lead lives of choice and opportunity, and impact their communities as the next generation of socially-conscious leaders.

### Vision:

Mission:

We envision a world class educational experience where our young leaders believe in their power to use their knowledge and voices for transformative change.

The Legacy Prep school model will build students academically, socially, emotionally, and foster the necessary habits, skills and mindsets needed to thrive in our world. When a scholar leaves Legacy Prep we expect to see the following exhibited in each of these areas:

- Academic- Be literate and/or bi-literate; well-rounded learners possess a love and joy for learning, regardless of the content; Possess the capacity to connect in school learning to outside school experiences; Be equipped with a rich vocabulary that can be used to express academic and personal ideas and thoughts with people from varying life groups; competitive in their respective fields; Outperform their peers on district and state assessments and rank among the top performing schools in the country
- Habits, skills, mindsets- Appreciate others and diversity, empowered with the life skills that will allow them to make informed decisions for their lives; Possess the resilience to push beyond and overcome obstacles; be wholesome in character
- Social- Have an awareness of social etiquette that will allow them the capacity to thrive in diverse
  social environments; Maintain a service mindset and sense of responsibility to their community
  that empowers them to leave a legacy for future generations; Be financially literate; Possess the
  advocacy skills to advocate for themselves and issues in which they find themselves passionate
- **Emotional** Possess self-confidence and a sense of self-pride, and maintain coping and outreach skills that build the foundation for emotional constancy

Educational Need and Anticipated Student Population: Legacy Prep founders realize the need and opportunity to offer a high-quality, inquiry based focused educational option to the students and families in West Birmingham. Birmingham City Schools (BCS) is the fourth largest school district in Alabama, with 42 schools (18 elementary, 8 middle, 8 K-8, 7 high, and 1 alternative). According to the 2010-11 average daily membership, the Birmingham City Schools System has approximately 24,000 students. This is a promising number considering the loss of over 12,643 students from the BCS system since 2003.¹ The loss of students has impacted the school system, forcing the closure of seven schools and resulting in equal measures of state funding cuts. The current educational approach is not setting students on course to achieve their personal best or to be on course for secondary, post-secondary, and life success. There are currently six Birmingham City Schools on the failing schools list and for the 2016-17 academic year, the Birmingham City Schools system scored a D (according to Alabama State Department of Education reports).

The community is looking for choices in public schools given that most residents cannot afford private school tuition but want high quality options outside of the public schools in Birmingham. Now is the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2014/04/student\_population\_stabilizing.html

pivotal time to re-envision what education can look like an offer to our students and families. The captured image is one in which students are able to engage in 21st Century critical thinking and learning skills, working collaboratively on projects, engaging in learning experiences that connect skills, and concepts from various subjects into the bigger picture of life and work.

Our targeted student base is compromised of the West Birmingham communities. The Westside of town is one of the most impoverished community hubs in Birmingham; with communities such as Ensley, West End, Jones Valley, Wenonah, etc.

The children and families in West Birmingham require a school whose model can address their specific needs and prepare them for future academic and personal success. Legacy Prep's village of educators and partnerships with community members, parents, community leaders, and business owners will serve as a catalyst for educational change for the children in the Birmingham community, and will continuously advocate for our students to have access to the high skill/high wage jobs of our current age. Their developed potential brings economic and civic empowerment to our local and state context.

# ARTICLE IV: GOVERNANCE

# Section 4.1 Governance

The School shall be governed by its Governing Board in a manner that is consistent with the terms of this Contract so long as such provisions are in accordance with state, federal, and local law. The Governing Board shall have final authority and responsibility for the academic, financial, and organizational performance of the School, the fulfillment of the contract, and approval of the School's budgets.

The Governing Board shall be responsible for policy and operational decisions of the School, and, consistent with the terms of this Contract, shall be the employer of school employees. Nothing herein shall prevent the Governing Board from delegating decision-making authority for policy and operational decisions to officers, employees, and agents of the School. However, such delegation will not relieve the Governing Board of its obligations under the law or this Contract, should the School fail to satisfy those obligations.

The Governing Board shall govern the School in a manner that ensures that it will satisfy its legal obligations, including, but not limited to: compliance with all applicable Laws, the Contract, the performance framework and fidelity to the program and policies described and submitted in the Application. This includes the exercise of continuing oversight over the School's operations. No member of a Governing Board shall have a financial relationship to an education service provider or the staff of the Commission.

# Section 4.2 Governance Documents

The Governing Board and the School shall maintain legal status and operate in accordance with the terms of the attached Governance Documents, Attachment 2: Governance Documents, and the Application.

# Section 4.3 Non-Profit Status

A public charter school must be governed by an independent governing board that is, throughout the Term of Contract, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

# Section 4.4 Organizational Structure and Plan

The School shall implement and follow the organizational plan described in the Application.

# Section 4.5 Composition

The Governing Board at all times shall have at least 20 percent of its members be parents of students who attend or who have attended the School for at least one academic year.

# Section 4.6 Change in Status or Governance Documents

The Governing Board shall not alter its legal status, restructure, or reorganize without first obtaining written approval from the Commission. The Governing Board shall immediately notify the Commission of any change of its status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

# Section 4.7 Conflicts of Interest

All members of a governing board shall be subject to the State Ethics Law. Ala. Code §16-6F-9.

An employee, agent, or representative of an authorizer may not simultaneously serve as an employee, agent, representative, vendor, or contractor of a public charter school of that authorizer. Ala. Code §16-6F-6.

In no event shall the Governing Board be composed of voting members a majority of which are directors, officers, employees, agents, or otherwise affiliated with any single entity (with the exception of the School itself or of another charter school) regardless of whether the entity is affiliated or is otherwise partnered with the School. But, this prohibition does not apply to entities whose sole purpose is to provide support to the specific School in question or any of its programs (parent-teacher groups, booster clubs, etc.).

Conflicts of interest may arise at any point during decisions pertaining to business. Conflicts can happen throughout the time employees and officials carry out their roles and responsibilities. Therefore, it is important to the integrity of the Governing Board that staff are aware of the potential for conflicts. Employees and contractors must also be aware of their responsibilities if conflicts are detected, including obligations to report the conflict.

# **Section 4.8 Open Meetings**

Starting from the date that this Contract is fully executed, the Governing Board shall be subject to and comply with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and public records laws.

# ARTICLE V: GENERAL OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

# Section 5.1 General Compliance

The School and the Governing Board shall operate at all times in accordance with all applicable laws, the Contract, and the Commission policies, as may be amended from time to time.

# Section 5.2 Public School Status

The School is a public school and is part of the public education system of the state. The School shall function as a local educational agency. The School shall be responsible for meeting the requirements of local educational agencies under applicable federal, state, and local laws, including those relating to special education. No private or nonpublic school may establish a public charter school.

# **Section 5.3 Nonsectarian Status**

A public charter school shall not include any parochial or religious theme nor shall any public charter school engage in any sectarian practices in its educational program, admissions or employment policies, or operations.

# Section 5.4 Access to Individuals and Documents

The School shall provide the Commission with access to any individual, documentation, evidence, or information requested by the Commission. The School affirmatively consents to the Commission obtaining information and documents directly from any entity or individual who may possess information or documents relevant to the operation of the school and will sign any releases or waivers required by such individuals or entities. Failure to provide this access by the deadlines imposed by the Commission will be a material and substantial breach of the Contract.

# Section 5.5 Ethics

All members of the Governing Board and all employees, teachers, and other instructional staff of the School shall be subject to the Alabama Ethics Laws.

# Section 5.6 Record Keeping

The School shall report enrollment and attendance data to the local school systems of residence in a timely manner. The School shall report such enrollment, attendance, and other counts of students to the Department in the manner required by the Department.

# Section 5.7 Non-Discrimination

The School shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, disability, or national origin or any other category that would be unlawful.

### Section 5.8 Inventories

The School shall maintain a complete and current inventory of all capital assets that cost more than \$5,000 and maintain a supplemental inventory of equipment items not classified as capital assets. The School shall update the inventory annually and shall take reasonable precautions to safeguard assets acquired with public funds.

If the Contract is revoked, terminated, non-renewed or surrendered, or the School otherwise ceases to operate, capital assets shall be deemed to be public assets if at least 25 percent of the funds used to purchase the asset were public funds. Public funds include, but are not limited to, funds received by the School, as well as any state or federal grant funds.

# Section 5.9 School Closure/Assets

In the event of closure of the School for any reason, the Commission shall oversee and work with the closing school to ensure a smooth and orderly closure and transition for students and parents, as guided by the closure protocol. The assets of the School shall be distributed first to satisfy outstanding payroll obligations for employees of the School, then to creditors of the School, and then to the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Trust Fund. If the assets of the School are insufficient to pay all parties to whom the School owes compensation, the prioritization of the distribution of assets may be determined by decree of a court of law.

# Section 5.10 Transportation

The School may enter into a contract with a school system or private provider to provide transportation to the School's students. The School shall be responsible for providing students transportation consistent with the plan proposed in the approved application, Attachment 12: Public Charter School Application, pages Attachment 24 or as otherwise provided in a specific transportation plan attached to and make a part of this Agreement as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_.

# Section 5.11 Staff Qualifications

The School shall comply with applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations regarding the qualification of teachers and other instructional staff.

# Section 5.12 Contracting for Services

Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted to prevent the School from entering into contracts or other agreements with a school district, educational service district, or other public or private entity for the provision of real property, equipment, goods, supplies, and services, related to the operation of the School consistent with the law and the terms of this Contract. However, all capital assets purchased from public funds of the School shall become property of the School unless the Commission specifically approves an agreement or contract not subject to this provision.

If the School chooses to purchase services from a local school system, such as transportation-related or lunchroom-related services, the school shall execute an annual service contract with the local school system, separate from the charter contract, stating the mutual agreement of the parties concerning any service fees to be charged to the School.

If the School intends to contract with an education service provider for substantial education services, management services, or both types of services, the School shall provide to the Commission all of the following at least 90 days before the effective date of the proposed contract:

- a. Evidence of the education service provider's success in serving student populations similar to the targeted population, including demonstrated academic achievement as well as successful management of nonacademic school functions, if applicable.
- b. A draft agreement setting forth the proposed duration of the service contract; roles and responsibilities of the Governing Board, the School staff, and the education service provider; scope of services and resources to be provided by the education service provider; performance evaluation measures and timelines; compensation structure, including clear identification of all fees to be paid to the education service provider; methods of contract oversight and enforcement; investment disclosure; and conditions for renewal and termination of the contract.
- c. Disclosure and explanation of any existing or potential conflicts of interest between the School or the Governing Board and the education service provider or any affiliated business entities.

# Section 5.13 Transaction with Affiliates

The School shall not, directly or indirectly, enter into or permit to exist any transaction (including the purchase, sale, lease, or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with any affiliate of the School, any member past or present of the Governing Board, or any past or present employee of the School (except in their employment capacity), or any family member of the foregoing individuals, unless:

- a. The terms of the transaction do not violate the Schools' Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy or the terms of this Contract.
- b. The terms of such transaction (considering all the facts and circumstances) are no less favorable to the School than those that could be obtained at the time from a person that is not such an affiliate, member, employee, or an individual related thereto.
- c. The involved individual recuses him or herself from all Governing Board discussions and does not vote on or decide any matters related to such transaction.
- d. The Governing Board discloses any conflicts and operates in accordance with a conflict of interest policy that has been approved by the Commission.

"Affiliate" as used in this section means a person who directly or indirectly owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. Solely for purposes of this definition, owns, is owned and ownership mean ownership of an equity interest, or the equivalent thereof, of ten percent or more, and the term "person" means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation or any other organization or group of persons.

# ARTICLE VI: ENROLLMENT

# Section 6.1 Enrollment Policy

The School shall comply with applicable law and the enrollment policy found in Section 5(a)(1-10) of the Act and incorporated into this agreement as "Attachment 10" Enrollment Policy."

# Section 6.2 Maximum Enrollment

The capacity of the public charter school shall be determined annually by the Governing Board of the School, and submitted for formal approval by the Authorizer, in conjunction with the Commission and in consideration of the School's ability to facilitate the academic success of its students, achieve the other objectives specified in the charter contract, and ensure that its student enrollment does not exceed the capacity of its facility or site.

# Section 6.3 Annual Enrollment Review

As necessary, the maximum enrollment of the School will be adjusted annually by the Governing Board, and submitted for formal approval by the Authorizer, in consultation with the Commission and with consideration of the School's ability to facilitate the academic success of its students, achieve the objectives specified in the Contract, and assure that its student enrollment does not exceed the capacity of its facility.

# Section 6.4 Enrollment Plan

The minimum, anticipated, and maximum enrollment by grade for each of the five years of this contract are provided in the following table

**ENROLLMENT OPTION A:** 

Grade	2019-	2020-	2021-	2022-	2023-	2024-	2025-
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Pre-K*	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
К	78	104	104	104	104	104	104
1	78	78	104	104	104	104	104
2	78	78	78	104	104	104	104
3		78	78	78	104	104	104
4			78	78	78	104	104
5				78	78	78	104
6	erreterreterreterreterreterreterreterr				78	78	78
7						78	78
8							78
Total # of Students	234	338	442	546	650	754	858

<sup>\*</sup>Through co-facility (or close vicinity) based Pre-K partner. Not included in total number of students.

Grade	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025	2025- 2026	2026- 2027
Pre-K	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
К	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
1	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
2		104	104	104	104	104	104	104
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4				104	104	104	104	104
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8								104
otal # of Students	248	352	456	560	664	768	872	976

# **Section 6.5 Student Records**

The School shall maintain student records in the same manner as non-charter public schools.

# Section 6.5 Student Information System

The School will utilize the same student information system and procedures as non-charter public schools.

# **ARTICLE VII: TUITION OR FEES**

# Section 7.1 Tuition or School Fees

The School staff shall not charge tuition and may only charge such fees as may be imposed on other students attending charter public schools in the state. Each fee must be approved by the Governing Board.

Anticipated fees are detailed in the following list:

The Governing Board has not yet authorized any fees to be charged to students attending Legacy Prep.

# ARTICLE VIII: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM/ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY

# Section 8.1 Educational Program Terms and Design Elements

The School shall implement, deliver, support, and maintain the essential design elements of its educational program as described in its Application.

### Section 8.2 Assessments

The School shall be subject to the statewide end-of-year annual standardized assessment tests, systems, and procedures as are required of non-charter public schools. The School shall comply with all assessment protocols and requirements as established by the Department, maintain test security, and administer tests consistent with all Department requirements.

# Section 8.3 English Learners

The School shall at all times comply with all applicable law governing the education of English learners including, but not limited to, the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA), Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*, the *Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974* (EEOA), and subsequent federal laws. The School shall provide resources and support to English learners to enable them to acquire sufficient English language proficiency to participate in the mainstream English language instructional programs. The School shall employ and train teachers to provide appropriate services to English learners. The School must implement, deliver, support, and maintain an education program that provides all the legally required education and services to English learners.

# Section 8.4 Students with Disabilities

The School shall provide services and accommodations to students with disabilities as set forth in the Application and in accordance with any relevant policies thereafter adopted, as well as with all applicable provisions of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (20 U.S.C. § 1401 et seq.), the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* (29 U.S.C. § 794), and all applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to such federal laws. This includes providing services to attending students with disabilities in accordance with the individualized education program ("IEP") recommended by a student's IEP team. The School shall also comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, policies, procedures, and directives regarding the education of students with disabilities.

# ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

### Section 9.1 Legal and Accounting Compliance

The School will report financial accounting information (including, but not limited to, payroll, budgeting, general fixed assets, etc.) to the State Department of Education in a format that meets the specifications of the Department.

The School shall adhere to generally accepted accounting principles, document and follow internal control procedures, and annually engage an independent certified public accountant to do an independent audit of the school's finances. The School shall file a copy of each audit report and accompanying management letter to the Commission and the Department by June 1 following the end of the fiscal year. The audits shall meet the same requirements as those required of local school systems.

The Department may withhold state or federal funds from the School if the School does not provide financial and budget reports, disclosures, certifications, and forms to the Department in a timely manner or in the format required by the Department or other state or federal agencies. The School will allow the Department and other government agencies to inspect records and monitor compliance with state, federal, and local laws and regulations applicable to the School. The School shall allow representatives of the Commission to inspect records at any time.

The School is subject to Alabama laws for public records including the Alabama Department of Archives and History record retention requirements for local school boards and the rights of citizens to view the public records that are not restricted from disclosure.

The School will utilize the same financial accounting system and procedures as non-charter public schools. The School shall utilize the financial accounting and payroll software programs used by non-charter Alabama public schools. The School will post monthly financial reports and check registers on the School's website within forty-five (45) days of the end of each month. Likewise the School will post an annual financial report on the School's website within forty-five (45) days of the end of the fiscal year.

# Section 9.2 Budget

The Commission may require the School to revise start-up and five-year budgets included in the charter school application.

### Section 9.3 Annual Budget Statement

The Governing Board of the School shall submit its annual budget to the Authorizer for review and shall adopt an annual budget each fiscal year. The Governing Board of the School shall adopt an annual budget statement that describes the major objectives of the educational program and manner in which the budget proposes to fulfill such objectives.

# Section 9.4 School Funds

The funds of the School shall be maintained in a qualified public depository subject to the requirements of the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement Act (SAFE).

# ARTICLE X: SCHOOL FACILITIES

# Section 10.1 Accessibility

The School's facilities shall conform to the *Americans with Disabilities Act* and other applicable laws and requirements for public school facilities.

# Section 10.2 Health and Safety

The School facilities shall meet all laws governing health, safety, and occupancy and fire code requirements and shall be of sufficient size to safely house the anticipated enrollment.

### Section 10.3 School Location

The School shall provide evidence that it has secured a location that is acceptable to the Commission by May 2018. The School may move its location(s) only after obtaining written approval from the Commission, subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified. Any change in the location of the School shall be consistent with the Application and acceptable to the Commission. Attachment 7: Physical Plant contains the address and description of the approved facility.

## Section 10.4 Inspections

The Commission will have access at all reasonable times and frequency to any facility owned, leased or utilized in any way by the School for purposes of inspection and review of the School's operation and to monitor the School's compliance with the terms of this Contract and all applicable laws. These inspections may be announced or unannounced as deemed appropriate by the Commission, or its designee, in the fulfillment of its oversight responsibilities.

# ARTICLE XI: EMPLOYMENT

# Section 11.1 No Employee or Agency Relationship

Neither the School, its employees, agents, nor contractors are employees or agents of the Commission. The Commission or its employees, agents, or contractors are not employees or agents of the School. None of the provisions of this Contract will be construed to create a relationship of agency, representation, joint venture, ownership, or control of employment between the Parties other than that of independent Parties contracting solely for the purpose of effectuating this Contract.

# Section 11.2 Retirement Plan/Insurance

The Governing Board of the School has voted not to participate in the Teachers' Retirement System and Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan. Such election must take place prior to the execution of the charter contract and once made is irrevocable.

## Section 11.3 Background Checks

Public charter school employees are subject to the same fingerprint-based criminal history background checks that traditional public school employees are under the *Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999*, as amended. Generally speaking, a criminal history background information check shall be conducted on all applicants and contractors seeking positions with, and on all current employees of, the School, who have unsupervised access to children.

### Section 11.4 Immigration

The Governing Board and the School shall meet the requirements of the *Beason-Hammon Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act* (Act No. 2011-535). The School may not receive state funds before filing the School's E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding with the Department.

# ARTICLE XII: INSURANCE AND LEGAL LIABILITIES

### Section 12.1 Insurance

The School will maintain adequate insurance necessary for the operation of the School, including, but not limited to, property insurance, general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment compensation insurance, motor vehicle insurance, errors and omissions insurance, and all other insurance intended to cover the Governing Board, School, and its employees. The School will maintain fidelity bonds on all School employees.

# Section 12.2 Limitation of Liabilities

In no event will the State of Alabama, or its agencies, officers, employees, or agents, including, but not limited to, the Commission, be responsible or liable for the debts, acts, or omissions of the School, its officers, employees, or agents.

# Section 12.3 Faith and/or Credit Contracts with Third Parties

The School shall not have authority to extend the faith and credit of the Commission or the State of Alabama to any third party and agrees that it will not attempt or purport to do so. The School acknowledges and agrees that it has no authority to enter into a contract that would bind the Commission or the State of Alabama and agrees to include a statement to this effect in each contract or purchase order it enters into with third parties.

# ARTICLE XIII: OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### Section 13.1 School Performance Framework

The performance provisions of this contract are based on a performance framework that clearly sets forth the academic and operational performance indicators, measures, and metrics that will guide the Commission's evaluations of each public charter school. In addition to state and federal accountability standards, the performance framework should include specific provisions, indicators, measures, and metrics for:

- Student academic proficiency, which includes, but is not limited to, performance on state standardized assessments.
- Student academic growth, which includes, but is not limited to, performance on state standardized assessments.
- Achievement gaps in both proficiency and growth between major student subgroups.
- Attendance.
- Recurrent enrollment from year to year.
- · Postsecondary readiness for high school.
- · Financial performance and sustainability.
- Governing Board performance and stewardship, including compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and terms of the charter contract.

The performance framework requires the disaggregation of all student performance data by major student subgroups (including gender, race, poverty status, special education status, English learner status, and gifted status).

Where the framework has not yet been developed, another approach is to include language along the lines of the following:

A set of performance frameworks (singularly, "Performance Framework," and collectively, the "Performance Frameworks"), shall be incorporated into the Charter as Exhibit \_\_\_\_. The Performance Frameworks shall supersede and replace any and all assessment measures, education goals and objectives, financial operations metrics, and organization performance metrics set forth in the Application and not explicitly incorporated into the Performance Frameworks. The specific terms, form and requirements of the Performance Frameworks, including any required indicators, measures, metrics, and targets, are maintained and disseminated by the Authorizer and will be binding on the School. Material amendments to the Performance Frameworks shall require approval by the Authorizer.

The Commission shall have the authority to collect, analyze, and report all data from state assessments for the School's students in accordance with the performance framework. The parties acknowledge and agree that the education records of students enrolled in a School are governed by the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and its corresponding regulations. The parties will safeguard personally identifiable information from education records in their possession by developing and adhering to data governance procedures that safeguard against unauthorized access or disclosure of such records in accordance with said law.

# ARTICLE XIV: COMMISSION'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# Section 14.1 Oversight and Enforcement

The Commission shall have the authority to manage, supervise, and enforce this Contract. It will oversee the School's performance under this Contract and hold the School accountable to performance of its legal and contractual obligations, including fulfillment of its Performance Framework. The Commission may take any action necessary to enforce its authority including, but not limited to, requiring the development and implementation of a corrective action plan, sanctions, non-renewal, revocation, or termination of this Contract.

# Section 14.2 Right to Review

The Commission is an independent state entity with oversight and regulatory authority over the School that it authorizes. Upon request, the Commission, or its designee, shall have the right to review all records created, established, or maintained by the School in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, Commission policies and regulations, or federal and state laws and regulations. This right shall be in addition to the Commission's right to require the School to submit data and other information to aid in the Commission's oversight and monitoring of the School as provided under this Contract and governing law. When the request is for on-site inspection of records, the Commission shall be granted immediate access. If the request is for reproduction of records, then the Commission will include a timeframe in which the records must be provided and the School must adhere to this timeframe.

This information, regardless of the form in which it is disclosed, will be used by the Commission, and its authorized representatives, to satisfy its obligations to audit, evaluate, and conduct compliance and enforcement activities relative to the School. The parties agree to cooperate with each other to ensure that any disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records to the Commission or its authorized representatives for such purposes complies with FERPA.

# **Section 14.3 Notification of Perceived Problems**

Any notification of perceived problems by the Commission about unsatisfactory performance or legal compliance will be provided within reasonable timeframes considering the scope and severity of concern. Every effort will be made to allow the School a reasonable opportunity to respond and remedy the problem unless immediate revocation is warranted.

# Section 14.4 Reports by the Commission

The Commission shall submit to the State Board of Education a publicly accessible annual report within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year summarizing all of the items required in the Act. The School must provide any information requested by the Commission to complete required reports.

# ARTICLE XV: BREACH OF CONTRACT, TERMINATION, AND DISSOLUTION

# Section 15.1 Breach by the School

Violation of any material provision of this contract may, in the discretion of the Commission, be deemed a breach and be grounds for corrective action up to and including revocation or nonrenewal of this Contract. In making this determination, the Commission will consider the underlying facts and circumstances including, but not limited to, the severity of the violation as well as the frequency of violations. Material provisions include, but are not limited to, provisions imposing a requirement to comply with the Commission rules and policies and all applicable laws related to the health, safety, and welfare of students.

# Section 15.2 Termination by the Commission

This Contract may be terminated after written notice to the School and the charter revoked by the Commission for any of the following reasons:

- a. A material and substantial violation of any of the terms, conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the Contract.
- b. Failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.
- c. Failure to provide the Commission with access to information and records.
- d. Substantial violation of any provision of applicable law.
- e. Failure to meet the goals, objectives, content standards, performance framework, applicable federal requirements, or other terms identified in the Contract.
- f. Failure to attain the minimum state proficiency standard for public charter schools in each year of their operation and over the charter term.
- g. Bankruptcy, insolvency, or substantial delinquency in payments, of the School.
- h. Discovery that the Applicant submitted inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information in its Application or in response to a Commission's request for information or documentation.
- School's performance falls in the bottom quartile of schools on the State Board of Education's accountability index.

# Section 15.3 Non-Renewal by the Commission

The Commission may non-renew a public charter school if the Commission determines that the public charter school did any of the following or otherwise failed to comply with this act:

- a. Commits a material and substantial violation of any of the terms, conditions, standards, or procedures required under the Act or the Contract.
- b. Fails to meet the performance expectations set forth in the Contract.
- c. Fails to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.
- d. Substantially violates any material provision of law from which the School was not exempted.
- e. Fails to meet the performance expectations set forth in the Contract, or fails to attain the minimum state proficiency standard for public charter schools (minimum state standard) in each year of its operation and over the charter term, unless the School demonstrates and the Commission affirms,

through formal action of its Governing Board, that other indicators of strength and exceptional circumstances justify the continued operation of the School.

# Section 15.4 Termination by the School

Should the School choose to terminate this Contract before the end of the Contract term, it must provide the Commission with notice of the decision immediately after it is made, but no later than ninety days before the closure of the school year. Notice shall be made in writing to the Commission. The School must comply with the Commission's termination protocol.

# Section 15.5 Dissolution

Upon termination of this Contract for any reason by the School, upon expiration of the Contract, or if the School should cease operations or otherwise dissolve, the Commission shall oversee and work with the School to ensure a smooth and orderly closure and transition for students and parents, as guided by the Commission's closure protocol; provided, however, that in doing so the Commission will not be responsible for and will not assume any liability incurred by the School under this Contract. The Governing Board and School personnel shall cooperate fully with the winding up of the affairs of the School. The School's obligations for following a termination protocol and winding up of the affairs of the School shall survive the term of this contract.

# Section 15.6 Disposition of Assets upon Termination or Dissolution

The assets of the School shall be distributed first to satisfy outstanding payroll obligations for employees of the School, then to creditors of the School, and then to the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Trust Fund. If the assets of the School are insufficient to pay all parties to whom the School owes compensation, the prioritization of the distribution of the assets may be determined by decree of a court of law.

# ARTICLE XVI: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

# Section 16.1 Records Retention

School records shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable state and federal document and record retention requirements. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of an applicable document retention period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

# Section 16.2 Confidential Information

The parties acknowledge and agree that the education records of students enrolled in a School are governed by the requirements of the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and its corresponding regulations. The parties will safeguard personally identifiable information from education records in their possession by developing and adhering to a Data Governance Policy that safeguards against unauthorized access or disclosure of such records in accordance with said law and applicable Department policies.

# ARTICLE XVII: NOTICE

# Section 17.1 Notice

Any change in address shall be immediately given to the other party in writing. Any notice that is undeliverable due to change of address without proper notification to the other party will be deemed received on the date delivery to the last known address was attempted.

If a notice is received on a weekend or on a national or Alabama state holiday, it shall be deemed received on the next regularly scheduled business day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Contract to be effective August 2019.

APPROVED BY A QUORUM OF THE COMMISSION ON [MONTH DAY], 2018:

Mac Buttram, Chair

Alabama Public Charter School Commission

THE CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD:

Brian Hamilton, President

Legacy Prep Charter School Governing Board

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## **Attachment 1: Pre-Opening Process and Conditions**

TASK	DUE DATE	STATUS/NOTES	COMPLETE
School Facility/Physical Plant:			
Provide the proposed location of the School; identify any repairs/renovations that need to be completed by school opening, the cost of these repairs, the source of funding for the repairs, and a timeline for completion.	05/01/2018		
Written, signed copy of facility lease, purchase agreement and/or other facility agreements for primary and ancillary facilities as are necessary for School to operate for one year or more.	08/01/2018		
School possesses appropriate documents that the School is of sufficient size and with a sufficient number of classrooms to serve the projected enrollment. Copies of documents are on file with the Commission.	08/01/2018		
The School facilities have met all applicable Department of Health requirements to serve food. Food Safety Permit is on file with the Commission.	07/01/2019		
The School possesses all permits and licenses required to legally operate in the School Facility. Certificate of Occupancy is on file with the Commission.	07/01/2019		
School Operations:			*
Governing Board approved (with signature page and date) special education policies and procedures. In addition, evidence of submission of policies and procedures to the Department and approval from the Department are on file with the Commission.	01/01/2019		
The School has written rules regarding pupil conduct, discipline, and rights including, but not limited to, short-term suspensions, students with disabilities, and a re-engagement plan.	04/01/2019		
The School has provided evidence of a uniform system of double-entry bookkeeping that is consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).	01/01/2019		

Copy of Employee Handbook and related employee communication which include, at a minimum, expectations for employee performance and behavior, compensation and benefit information, emergency response information, annual calendar, hours and length of employment, supervisory obligations, and a description of both informal and formal complaint procedures that employees may pursue in the event of disagreements.	05/01/2019
The School has provided evidence of a student handbook. Student Handbook must contain, at a minimum, the following: School's mission statement, School's Contact Information, School Calendar, School Attendance Policy, Student Discipline Policy, and Student Rights and Responsibilities.	06/01/2019
An annual school calendar approved by the Governing Board of Directors for the first year of the School's operation is on file with the Commission. School calendar must meet the compulsory school attendance requirements of state law, financial guidelines, and state regulations.	06/01/2019
Evidence that students representing 80% of the projected fall membership have enrolled is provided, including name, address, grade, and prior school attended.	07/01/2019
The School has established a process for resolving public complaints, including complaints regarding curriculum. The process includes an opportunity for complainants to be heard. School's process is on file with the Commission.	08/01/2019
The required Safe School Plan consistent with the School mapping information system is on file with the Commission. For more information on a Safe School Plan, please visit: <a href="https://www.alsde.edu">https://www.alsde.edu</a> .	05/01/2019
PRE-OPENING SITE VISIT:	07/01/2019
Prior to a School opening, Commission staff will conduct a site visit to verify that that School has completed or is on track to complete each preopening condition and confirm the School is ready to open.	

State assessment schedule is on file with the Commission.	08/01/2019
An employee roster and proof of background check clearance for members of the School's Governing Board, all staff, and contractors who will have unsupervised access to children is on file with the Commission.	07/01/2019
The School has policy and procedures for requesting, maintaining, securing and forwarding student records.	07/01/2019
The School has provided evidence of a working system for the maintenance of a proper audit trail and archiving of grade book/attendance (i.e., attendance logs).	08/01/2019
The School has provided evidence of an adequate staff configuration to meet the educational program terms outlined in the charter, its legal obligations, and the needs of all enrolled students (% of staff positions filled) and/or a plan for filling open positions.	07/01/2019
Evidence that instructional staff, employees, and volunteers possess all applicable qualifications as required by state and federal law is provided.	07/01/2019
The School has provided evidence that the Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator; the Section 504 Coordinator; the Title IX Officer; the Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB) Compliance Officer; and State Assessment Coordinator have been named and submitted to the Department and the Commission.	08/01/2019
Provide evidence that all employees have completed training on child abuse and neglect reporting or have comparable experience.	08/01/2019
School Governance:	
Charter School must submit annual Governing Board meeting schedule including date, time, and location to Commission and assure the Commission that the meetings are posted on School website.	08/01/2019

Evidence is provided that membership on the Governing Board of Directors is complete and complies with the School's governing board bylaws (i.e., governing board roster with contact information for all board members, identification of officers, and term of service).	08/01/2019	
Resume of each Governing Board member is on file with the Commission.	07/01/2019	
Governing Board disclosure forms are complete and on file with the Commission.	07/01/2019	
Submit emergency contact information for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other members of the management team.	07/01/2019	
Annually, the School and Commission must set performance targets/mission-specific goals designed to help the School meet its mission-specific educational and organizational goals. Please see the performance framework attachment. These targets must be set by July 1st of each year of the School's operation.	07/01/2019	
Budget:	L	
Submit a Quarterly statement of income and expenses. School is required to use the Commission's Budget and Quarterly report template to satisfy this requirement.	09/01/2019	
Submit an unaudited Quarterly statement of income and expenses. School is required to use the Commission's Budget and Quarterly report template to satisfy this requirement.	09/01/2019	
The School has provided evidence of an authorization	07/01/2019	
process that identifies (1) individual(s) authorized to expend School funds and issue checks; (2) safeguards designed to preclude access to funds by unauthorized personnel and/or misappropriation of funds; and (3) individual(s) responsible for review and monitoring of monthly budget reports.	07,01,2013	

Evidence is provided that the School has obtained and maintains insurance in the coverage areas and minimum amounts set forth in the charter contract.	07/01/2019	
Provide and maintain online software requirements to ensure compliance in all areas; i.e. Chalkable, Charter.Tools.	08/01/2019	

### Note:

- 1. If a due date falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the document/report will be due on the next Monday.
- 2. If a due date falls on a holiday, the document/report will be due the next business day.

## **Attachment 2: Governance Document**

Attachment 3: Governing Board Roster and Disclosures

			Governing B	oard Roster		
Board Position	Full Name	Address	Phone	Email	Term Start	Term End
President	Brian Hamilton		The second secon		August 2017	June 2020
TBD	Steve Siple				April 2017	June 2020
TBD	Jason Williams				April 2017	June 2020
TBD	Miles McCauley				April 2017	June 2020
TBD	Jamie McKinney		THE PART OF THE PA	and decisions was a construction and decision and decision of the confirming of the temperature of the confirming of the	September 2017	June 2020
TBD	Mini'imah Shaheed				September 2017	June 2020

# Public Charter School Governing Board Member Disclosure Form

Note: This a public document. It will be available at the School for inspection by other Governing Board members, the staff, or the community. Your duty to report and update this information is continuous throughout the Term of Contract.

Ba	ckground
1.	Provide your full legal name:
2.	Provide the following assurances:
	<ul> <li>a. I affirm that I am at least 18 years of age by the date of appointment to the Public Charter School Governing Board.</li> <li>b. I affirm that I am a person of good moral character.</li> <li>c. I affirm that I have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent.</li> <li>d. I affirm that I am not on the National Sex Offender Registry or the state sex offender registry.</li> <li>e. I affirm that I have not been convicted of a felony.</li> </ul>
3.	Disclose whether you have ever been investigated by the Securities Exchange Commission, Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Attorney, the Attorney General of Alabama or of any state, a District Attorney, the Ethics Commission, or any other law enforcement or regulatory body concerning the discharge of your duties as a governing board member of a for-profit or non-for profit entity or as an executive of such entity. If the answer to this question is yes, please explain.
	□ Yes (Explain)
4.	Disclose whether you have entered into a settlement agreement, consent decree, adjournment in contemplation of dismissal, assurance of discontinuance, or other, similar agreement with the above prosecutorial or regulatory entities.
	□ Does not apply to me.
	□ Yes
5. [	Disclose any other background information for the Commission's consideration that you deem relevant.

## Governing Board Member Disclosure Form (continued)

Confliction 1. Indicondit	cate whether you, your spouse, or anyone in your immediate family* meets either of the following
If so, ir person	ndicate and describe the precise nature of your relationship and the nature of the business that such or entity is transacting or will be transacting with the School.
	I/we do not know of any such persons. Yes
conduc	cate if you, your spouse, or other immediate family* members anticipate conducting, or are ting, any business with the School or a contractor who is conducting business with the School. If so, indicate the precise nature of the business that is being or will be conducted.
	I/we do not anticipate conducting any such business. Yes
membe a Schoo	e any potential ethical or legal conflicts of interest that would (or are likely to) exist for you as a profit of the School Governing Board or another School or non-profit board. [Note that being a parent of student, serving on another Contract School's Governing Board, or being employed by the School flicts for certain issues that should be disclosed.]
	None Yes. If Yes, please provide additional information.
1. Indica professi answer	ares for Schools Contracting with an Educational Service Provider ate whether you, your spouse, or any immediate family* member knows (i.e., beyond a casual or onal acquaintance) any employees, officers, owners, directors or agents of that provider. If the is in the affirmative, describe any such relationship.  I/we do not know of any such persons.  Yes

### **Governing Board Member Disclosure Form (continued)**

Conflicts for Schools Contracting with an Educational Service Provider  1. Indicate whether you, your spouse, or other immediate family* members have, anticipate in the fur or have been offered a direct or indirect ownership, employment, contractual or management interest the provider. For any interested indicated, please provide a detailed description.  □ I/we have no such interest. □ Yes		
	ate family* member anticipate conducting, or are dicate the precise nature of the business that is being	
<ul><li>□ I/we do not anticipate conducting any such b</li><li>□ Yes</li></ul>	usiness.	
Other I affirm that I have read the Contract school's bylaws	and conflict of interest policies.	
information I am providing to the Alabama Public Cha	certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the rter School Commission in regard to my application to ctors of the Legacy Prep is true and correct in every	
Signature	Date	

\*FAMILY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL. The spouse, a dependent, an adult child and his or her spouse, a parent, a spouse's parents, a sibling and his or her spouse, of the public official.

Attachment 4: Educational Program Terms and Design Elements

School Name:	Legacy Prep
Mission:	Our mission is to educate and empower our scholars to embrace their identity, lead lives of choice and opportunity, and impact their communities as the next generation of socially-conscious leaders.
Vision:	We envision a world class educational experience where our young leaders believe in their power to use their knowledge and voices for transformative change.
Objectives:	To provide students with a quality education so that they are adequately prepared for high school and beyond; with a variety of options and the freedom to choose to lead the lives they want.
Goals:	<ul> <li>75% of students meet the grade level promotion requirements (mastery based standards and grading)</li> <li>75% of students exit Legacy Prep prepared for a high school of their choice</li> <li>50% of students make at least 1 year of growth in at least one core content area based on school chosen assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Education Program</b>	Inquiry Based Learning
Term #1:	The Legacy Prep model is based on the belief that academic content is a tool
	(the means) to be applied to a productive end. Therefore, we will employ
	inquiry-based learning in various forms, depending on the subject and on the
	stage of the learning process, to allow for critical thinking, creativity, effective
	communication and technology, and collaboration.
	The goal is to incorporate more student-directed learning, where students "do"
	and teachers guide, facilitate, and provide the necessary structure to ensure a
	safe and productive learning environment. It is important to note that IBL is a
	goal and an expectation that will ultimately create the problem solvers we hope
	for. But IBL is not a repudiation of more structured teaching and learning (it is in addition to). For early learners and struggling learners in particular, it is
	acknowledged that skill building and fluency, particularly in reading, writing,
	and math, require structured, direct practice and repetition. A non- exhaustive
	list of IBL components is as follows: Experiential learning, application-based
	learning, and project/problem-based learning through our STEAM approach.
Education Program	Whole Child Character Development
Term #2:	Our educational philosophy starts with educating the whole child. We believe an excellent education requires not only academic rigor but also cultivating habits, skills, and mindsets that allow students to thrive in school and life. As we move deeper into the 21 <sup>st</sup> century, the need for 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills are becoming more and more apparent. Our approach to meeting this need revolves around identifying a core set of researched character traits and providing direct

instruction on those skills. This approach begins with Legacy's core values being modeled by all adults in the building first.

All student culture and behavior systems will be tied to this core set of core values. Teacher designed lessons, modules, learning experiences/projects, performance tasks, and assessments will all either teach, reinforce, measure, or assess student mastery of Legacy's core character attributes. Students will receive mastery reports of character development along with mastery reports of academic standards.

Character objectives will be planned and taught daily in concert with regular learning objectives. Students will have multiple opportunities in multiple modalities to learn both personal character development and community development. The character development program is not an add-on or a support. Whole child development will be engrained in all we do including the wrap around services and learning supports we offer. All response to intervention systems will be grounded in our character development system given that most children of color are mistakenly identified as students requiring special education services when root causes of student motivational challenges can be addressed in the general education classrooms with the right supports.

#### Education Program Term #3:

#### Personalized Learning

At Legacy Prep, we believe that children learn best when learning is personalized so students can be challenged every day. We also believe that support should be personalized. Every student has unique gifts and individual needs; learning supports should reflect this. Each student will be held to the same high expectations but will be allowed to reach them in a way that reflects their individual learning style. Classrooms and instruction will reflect multiple learning modalities including blended learning options, small group instruction, self-directed learning, project-based learning, and high levels of differentiation. Legacy will have a personalized learning platform to enable students to access all of their online self-directed content, track progress toward their goals and take assessments to determine mastery of concepts, skills, and standards. Each student will receive a personal learning plan that will remain fluid based on student data and performance. Plans will be designed collaboratively with the student, family support network, and his/her teacher. Goals and a "How I Learn Best" playlist for each content area will be established in three-week learning cycles to be revisited at the end of each cycle with the student and team. In addition, each student will have a dream team who will build motivation to take charge of their learning and connect their schoolwork to long-term dreams. Long-term goals then translate into more concrete monthly goals and daily todos. To ensure student's goals and dreams stay at the forefront, the dream team will be comprised of the student, peers, a goal coach, mentor, and family members. These members will be charged with the mentorship and encouragement necessary to ensure the student reaches their goals and help foster to intrinsic motivation to succeed.

Geographic Area Served:	West Birmingham
Location:	TBD
Grades Served 2018- 2019:	Kindergarten, First, and Second (Contingency: Pre-K, K, 1)
Grades Served at Capacity:	Pre-Kindergarten (through partner) - Eighth
Projected Enrollment 2019-2020:	234 (Contingency: 248)
Projected Enrollment at Capacity:	858 (Contingency: 976)
Educational Service Provider:	N/A

**Note:** The Education Terms are different from *school-specific measures* that you may develop as a part of your Academic Performance Framework because they focus on *process* rather than student *outcomes*. In other words, the school-specific academic performance measures focus on what students will *achieve*. By contrast, the Education Terms should capture the essentials of what students will *experience*.

Attachment 5: Conflict of Interest Policy

#### Article I

#### Purpose

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the interests of Legacy Schools, an Alabama nonprofit corporation (the "Organization") when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of a officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

#### Article II

#### **Definitions**

- 1. "Interested Person" means any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect Financial Interest, as defined below, is an Interested Person.
- 2. "Financial Interest" means, with respect to any person, if such person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family, (a) an ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, (b) a compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or (c) a potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial. A Financial Interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a Financial Interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

#### Article III

#### **Procedures**

- 1. Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an Interested Person must disclose the existence of the Financial Interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- 2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the Financial Interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the Interested Person, the Interested Person shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
- 3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest.
- (a) An Interested Person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, the Interested Person shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- (b) The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- (c) After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- (d) If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest,

for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

- 4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy.
- (a) If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- (b) If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

#### Article IV

#### **Records of Proceedings**

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- (a) The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a Financial Interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the Financial Interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- (b) The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

#### Article V

#### Compensation

- (a) A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- (b) A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- (c) No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

#### Article VI

#### **Annual Statements**

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- (a) Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- (b) Has read and understands the policy,
- (c) Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- (d) Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

#### Article VII

#### **Periodic Reviews**

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects: (a) whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length

bargaining, and (b) whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

#### Article VIII

#### **Use of Outside Experts**

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

## Attachment 6: Education Service Provider (ESP) Contract Guidelines

- The maximum term of an ESP agreement must not exceed the term of the Contract. After the second
  year that the ESP agreement has been in effect, the school must have the option of terminating the
  contract without cause or a financial penalty.
- ESP agreements must be negotiated at 'arms-length.' The Contract School's Governing Board and ESP
  must have independent legal counsel to represent their interests in reaching a mutually acceptable
  management agreement.
- 3. No provision of the ESP agreement shall interfere with the Contract School Governing Board's duty to exercise its statutory, contractual, and fiduciary responsibilities governing the operation of the Contract School. No provision of the ESP agreement shall prohibit the Contract School Governing Board from acting as an independent, self-governing public body, or allow decisions to be made other than in compliance with the Alabama laws.
- 4. An ESP agreement shall not require a Contract School Governing Board to waive its governmental immunity.
- No provision of an ESP agreement shall alter the Contract School Governing Board's treasurer's legal obligation to direct that the deposit of all funds received by the Contract School be placed in the Contract School's account.
- 6. ESP agreements must contain at least one of the following methods for paying fees or expenses: (1) the Contract School Governing Board may pay or reimburse the ESP for approved fees or expenses upon properly presented documentation and approval by the Contract Governing Board; or (2) the Contract Governing Board may advance funds to the ESP for the fees or expenses associated with the Contract School's operation provided that documentation for the fees and expenses are provided for Contract School Governing Board ratification.

- 7. ESP agreements shall provide that the financial, educational, and student records pertaining to the Contract School are Contract School property and that such records are subject to the provisions of the Alabama Open Records Act. All Contract School records shall be physically or electronically available, upon request, at the Contract School's physical facilities. Except as permitted under the Contract and applicable law, no ESP agreement shall restrict the Commission's access to the Contract School's records.
- 8. ESP agreements must contain a provision that all finance and other records of the ESP related to the Contract School will be made available to the Contract School's independent auditor.
- The ESP agreement must not permit the ESP to select and retain the independent auditor for the Contract School.
- 10. If an ESP purchases equipment, materials, and supplies on behalf of or as the agent of the Contract School, the ESP agreement shall provide that such equipment, materials, and supplies shall be and remain the property of the Contract School.
- 11. ESP agreements shall contain a provision that if the ESP procures equipment, materials, and supplies at the request of or on behalf of the Contract School, the ESP shall not include any added fees or charges with the cost of equipment, materials, and supplies purchased from third parties.
- 12. ESP agreements must contain a provision that clearly allocates the respective proprietary rights of the Contract School Governing Board and the ESP to curriculum or educational materials. At a minimum, ESP agreements shall provide that the Contract School owns all proprietary rights to curriculum or educational materials that (i) are both directly developed and paid for by the Contract School; or (ii) were developed by the ESP at the direction of the Contract School Governing Board with Contract School funds dedicated for the specific purpose of developing such curriculum or materials. ESP agreements may also include a provision that restricts the Contract School's proprietary rights over curriculum or educational materials that are developed by the ESP from funds from the Contract School or that are not otherwise dedicated for the specific purpose of developing Contract School curriculum or educational materials. All ESP agreements shall recognize that the ESP's educational materials and teaching techniques used by the Contract School are subject to state disclosure laws and the Open Records Act.
- 13. ESP agreements involving employees must be clear about which persons or positions are employees of the ESP, and which persons or positions are employees of the Contract School. If the ESP leases employees to the Contract School, the ESP agreement must provide that the leasing company accepts full liability for benefits, salaries, worker's compensation, unemployment compensation and liability insurance for its employees leased to the Contract School or working on Contract School operations. If the Contract School is staffed through an employee leasing agreement, legal confirmation must be provided to the Contract School Governing Board that the employment structure qualifies as employee leasing.
- 14. ESP agreements must contain insurance and indemnification provisions outlining the coverage the ESP will obtain. The ESP's insurance is separate from and in addition to the insurance for the Contract School Governing Board that is required according to the Contract. Insurance coverage must take into account whether or not staff at the school are employees of the ESP or the School.

- 15. Marketing and development costs paid by or charged to the Contract School shall be limited to those costs specific to the Contract School program and shall not include any costs for the marketing and development of the ESP.
- 16. If the Contract School intends to enter into a lease, execute promissory notes or other negotiable instruments, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement or other financing relationships with the ESP, then such agreements must be separately documented and not be a part of or incorporated into the ESP agreement. Such agreements must be consistent with the school's authority to terminate the ESP agreement and continue operation of the School.

## Attachment 7: Physical Plant

Pursuant to applicable law and the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, the School is authorized to operate at the physical facility or facilities outlined in this schedule. The School shall not occupy or use any facility with students for academic instruction until approved by the Commission and facility has been approved for occupancy by the appropriate state, county, and city departments.

Physical Plan Description

Site Plans

Floor Plans

Lease Agreement

Certificate of Use and Occupancy

# Charter School Physical Plant Description

1. The address and a description of the site and physical plant (the "Site") of Legacy Prep (the "School") is as follows:

Address: TBD

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Description: TBD

Configuration of Grade Levels: Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth

Term of Use: Term of Contract

- 2. The following information about this site is provided on the following pages, or must be provided to the satisfaction of the Commission or its designee, before the School may operate as a public school in Alabama
  - a. Narrative description of physical plant
  - b. Size of building
  - c. Scaled floor plan
  - d. Copy of executed lease or purchase agreement
- 3. In addition, the School and the Commission or its designee hereby acknowledge and agree that the School shall not conduct classes or operate as a public charter school in this state until it has obtained the necessary fire, health, and safety approvals for the above-described facilities. These approvals must be provided by the School to the Commission's Executive Director in advance of any such occupancy and must be acceptable to the Commission or its designee, in his/her sole discretion, prior to the School operating as a public charter school.

- 4. If the site described above is not used as the physical plant for the School, this Attachment of this contract between the School and the Commission must be amended pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of Contract, to designate, describe, and agree upon the School's physical plant. The School must submit to the Commission or its designee complete information about the new site or facilities. This information includes that described in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this Attachment. The School shall not conduct classes as a public charter school in this state until it has submitted all the information described above to the satisfaction of the Commission by way of a request to amend this Contract and the amendment regarding the new site has been executed by the Commission or its designee.
- 5. The School agrees to comply with the single site restrictions contained in this Attachment for the configuration of grade levels identified at the site, except as may be permitted with the express permission of the Commission or its designee. Any changes in the configuration of grade levels at the site requires an amendment to this Attachment pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Contract set forth above.

# Attachment 8: Statement of Assurances STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

This Statement of Assurances must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the charter school applicant and submitted with the application for a charter school.

- 1. The School shall have a fully independent governing board that will exercise autonomy in all matters, to the extent authorized the Act.
- 2. The School has tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)), is not be a sectarian or religious organization, and shall be operated according to the terms of a charter contract executed with the Alabama Public Charter School Commission.
- 3. The School shall function as a local education agency under applicable federal laws and regulations, shall be responsible for meeting, and shall meet the requirements of local education agencies and public schools under those federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to:
  - a. Compliance with the individuals with disabilities education improvement act (IDEA, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1401 et seq.).
  - Compliance with the federal educational rights and privacy act (FERPA, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g).
  - Compliance with the elementary and secondary education act (ESEA, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.).
  - d. Compliance with requirements that ensure a student's records, and, if applicable, a student's individualized education program, will follow the student, in accordance with applicable federal and state law.
  - e. Compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act, including but not limited to, provisions on school prayer, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, the Armed Forces Recruiter Access to Students and Student Recruiting Information, the Unsafe School Choice Option and assessments.
  - f. Compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681).
  - g. Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794).
  - h. Compliance with Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101).

- 4. The School shall hire, manage, and discharge any charter school employee in accordance with state laws and the School's charter contract.
- The School shall receive and disburse funds solely in accordance with the purposes of the charter school.
- To the extent it enters into contracts with any school district, educational service district, or other public or private entity for the provision of real property, equipment, goods, supplies, and services, including educational instructional services and including for the management and operation of the charter school, the School shall do so to the same extent as other non-charter public schools, as long as the School's governing board maintains oversight authority over the charter school.
- 7. The School shall not enter into any contracts for management operation of the charter school except with nonprofit organizations.
- 8. To the extent it enters into contracts with other entities regarding real property, the School shall include provisions regarding the disposition of the property if the charter school fails to open as planned or closes, or if the charter contract is revoked or not renewed.
- 9. To the extent it issues secured and unsecured debt, including pledging, assigning, or encumbering its assets to be used as collateral for loans or extensions of credit to manage cash flow, improve operations, or finance the acquisition of real property or equipment, the School shall not pledge, assign, or encumber any public funds received or to be received.
- 10. The School shall ensure that no debt incurred by the School is a general, special, or moral obligation of the state or any other political subdivision or agency of the state.
- 11. The School shall not pledge either the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the state or any political subdivision or agency of the state for the payment of the debt.
- To the extent it solicits, accepts, and administers for the benefit of the charter school and its students, gifts, grants, and donations from individuals or public or private entities, the School shall not solicit, accept, and administer any such gifts, grants or donations from sectarian or religious organizations and shall not accept any gifts or donations the conditions of which violate state laws.
- The School shall issue diplomas to students who meet state high school graduation requirements established by the Department even though the charter school governing board may establish additional graduation requirements.
- 14. The School shall not levy taxes or issue tax-backed bonds and shall not acquire or attempt to acquire property by eminent domain.
- 15. The School shall operate according to the terms of its charter contract and the Act.

- 16. The School shall comply with local, state, and federal health, safety, parents' rights, civil rights, and nondiscrimination laws applicable to school districts and to the same extent as school districts.
- 17. The School shall provide basic education, including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and shall participate in the statewide student assessment system.
- The School shall employ certificated instructional staff as required by Federal program regulations.
- 19. The School shall adhere to generally accepted accounting principles and be subject to financial examinations and audits as determined by the Department, including annual audits for legal and fiscal compliance.
- 20. The School shall comply with the open public meetings act and public records requirements.
- 21. The School shall be subject to and comply with all legislation governing the operation and management of charter schools.
- 22. The School shall comply with all state statutes and rules made applicable to the charter school in the school's charter contract.
- 23. The School shall not engage in any sectarian practices in its education program, admissions or employment policies, or operations.
- 24. The School shall be subject to the supervision of the State Superintendent and the State Board of Education, including accountability measures, to the same extent as non-charter public schools, except as otherwise expressly provided by law.
- 25. The School shall not limit admission on any basis other than age group, grade level, or capacity and must enroll all students who apply within these bases and shall be open to any Alabama student regardless of his or her location of residence.
- 26. The School shall not charge tuition, but may charge fees for participation in optional extracurricular events and activities in the same manner and to the same extent as do non-charter public schools.
- 27. If capacity is insufficient to enroll all students who apply to the charter school, the School must select students through a lottery as provided in the Act.
- 28. The School's Governing Board shall annually determine the capacity of the School in consultation with the Commission and with consideration of the School's ability to facilitate the academic success of its students, achieve the objectives specified in the charter contract, and assure that its student enrollment does not exceed the capacity of its facility.
- 29. The School shall comply with all health and safety laws, rules and regulations of the federal, state, county, region, or community that may apply to its facilities and property.

- 30. The School has disclosed any real, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest that could impact the approval or operation of the School.
- 31. The School shall, within sixty days of approval of its charter application, execute a charter contract with the Commission, containing the terms set forth by the Commission and the terms required by the Act, as well as future rules adopted by the Commission.
- 32. The School shall meet any reasonable preopening requirements or conditions imposed by the Commission, including, but not limited to, requirements or conditions to monitor the start-up progress of the School, to ensure that the School is prepared to open smoothly on the date agreed, and to ensure that the School meets all building, health, safety, insurance, and other legal requirements for school opening.
- 33. The School shall comply with, and fully participate in, any activity by the Commission that the Commission deems necessary for it to monitor, engage in oversight, and/or engage in corrective action.
- 34. The School shall comply with any corrective actions or sanctions imposed upon it by the Commission.
- 35. The School shall comply with all renewal and nonrenewal actions required of it by the Commission or by law.
- The School shall comply with any nonrenewal of termination actions imposed by the Commission.
- 37. The School shall report student enrollment in the same manner and based on the same definitions of enrolled students and annual average full-time equivalent enrollment as other public schools.
- 38. The School shall comply with applicable reporting requirements to receive state or federal funding that is allocated based on student characteristics.
- The School shall, at all times, maintain all necessary and appropriate insurance coverage.
- 40. The School shall indemnify and hold harmless the Commission and its officers, directors, agents, and employees, and any successors and assigns from any and all liability, cause of action, or other injury or damage in any way relating to the School or its operation.
- 41. The School's governing body has adopted a resolution or motion that authorizes the submission of the School's Charter School Application, including all understandings and assurances contained herein, directing and authorizing the School's designated representative to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Commission.

- 42. The School understands that the Commission will not reimburse the School for any costs incurred in the preparation of this application. All applications and associated materials become the property of the Commission, and the School claims no proprietary right to the ideas, writings, items, or samples, unless so stated in the application.
- 43. The School agrees that submission of the application constitutes acceptance of the solicitation contents and the attached sample contract. If there are any exceptions to these terms, the School has described those exceptions in detail on a page attached to this document. The School understands that the Commission is not bound by any of the changes that the School has proposed to the sample contract and that if its application is approved the specific terms and provisions of the contract will be negotiated.
- 44. The School grants the Commission, or its representatives, the right to contact references and others who may have pertinent information regarding the ability of the School, its Governing Board members, proposed management, and lead staff to perform the services contemplated by the application.
- 45. The School grants the Commission, or its representatives, the right to conduct criminal background checks as part of the evaluation process. Signed consent forms from each of the impacted individuals are attached.
- 46. The School is submitting proposed Contract exceptions or changes: Yes No If Contract exceptions are being submitted, the School has attached them to this form.
- All of the information submitted in the Application is true, correct, complete, and in compliance with Alabama laws.
- 48. All of the information contained in the Application reflects the work of the applicant; no portion of the application was plagiarized.

Legacy Prep
NAME OF SCHOOL

SIGNATURE OF DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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# Attachment 9: Identification of Documentation Required for Annual Performance Report

The Commission will require submission of or access to materials or data from the School for oversight and accountability of the school.

\*PLEASE SEE ACADEMIC, ORGANIZATIONAL, and FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

\*SCHOOL SITE VISIT

#### Performance Review and Ongoing Oversight

The School must also provide any documents, data, or information that the Commission deems necessary for ongoing oversight, accountability, and compliance monitoring as well as online software for desk audits.

\*PLEASE SEE ACADEMIC, ORGANIZATIONAL, and FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

### Attachment 10: Enrollment Policy

Each year Legacy Prep will establish an open-enrollment window in which the school will accept applications for the coming school year. The application deadline is the last Friday in February. Enrollment packets, however, will be available at the school's main office all year round. If the number of applications received by the last Friday in February exceeds the number of available seats at any grade level, a lottery will be used to determine the placement of students at that grade level. All applicants are randomly assigned a number which is then drawn randomly during the lottery. Should there be more lottery applicants than available seats, students are randomly assigned waitlist numbers. Legacy Prep does not carry its waitlist from year to year. Wait list numbers are cleared and students are bumped up one grade level for the lottery the following year. The enrollment lottery will be held in public at the school, following Open Meeting laws, on the first Friday in April. Only students meeting appropriate age requirements and who submit their applications before the last Friday in February will be eligible for the lottery. Offers of enrollment or waitlist placement will be made via phone, email, or mail by the last Friday in March.

All qualified students who are not admitted will be placed on the waiting list and may be offered admission throughout the year as vacancies become available. Legacy Prep reserves the right to determine its capacity at each grade level, and to reserve spaces within a grade level for, among other things, students that may not be promoted to the next grade level or for students who may be returning in a subsequent year. If during any open-enrollment window insufficient enrollment applications are received, offers of admission shall be made to qualified applicants on a first-come, first—served basis. Another enrollment window shall be advertised and established. Additionally, we will maintain an intentionally diverse socio-economic enrollment, percentages TBD.

**Priority Enrollment:** Select groups of students and families will not participate in the enrollment lottery but will be granted priority enrollment. These groups include:

Priority 1: Neighborhood students: Students fall within a specific mile radius

Priority 2: Founder/Board Policy: Those children whose parents, guardians, or family members were active in the planning process by serving as Founding Board, Design Team, or Advisory Committee members, Founding Teachers, or Founding School Leaders will not participate in the lottery. These are board members and design team members who are listed on the current contract with the Alabama Public Charter School Commission or who provided a minimum of 40 hours of service prior to the opening of the school. Founding teachers are teachers who were the founding teacher in their respective classroom and who taught at Legacy Prep for at least three consecutive years. Founding School Leaders include all members of the administrative team in the 2019-2020 school years who work for the school for at least two years (which may include the 2016-2019 planning years). Founding families may also be exempt from the lottery if they meet the requirements to qualify as a founding family by volunteering for 40 hours between January 2018 and August 2019. A complete list of eligible families (deemed as Legacy's "Founding Families") will be approved at the Legacy Prep's Board meeting in January 2019 and kept on record at the school.

**Priority 3:** School Employee Policy—Children of school employees will be exempted from the lottery and given priority admission provided that the parent who is employed at Legacy Prep has

full or joint custody of the child and the application was received by the designated deadline. This includes Teachers, Administrators, Custodial Staff, Office Staff, and Classroom Assistants. Employees include anyone who works at least half-time for Legacy Prep and who started work on or before the first day of school of the year in which they are submitting their application.

The total number of children enrolled under the Founder/Board/Staff policies will not exceed 20% of the school's population. In the case that more than 20% of the enrollment is founding/employee children, preference will be given to number of years of service to the school. If there are fewer spots than the number of priority applicants, then a separate lottery is held for these applicants with priority status. Founding/employee children not given priority enrollment will be included in the general enrollment lottery.

Priority 4: Sibling/Household Policy— It is the intent of Legacy Prep to support whole families and create a cohesive and inclusive school community. Siblings of enrolled students will receive priority for admission if their applications are received by the designated deadline. Siblings includes children whose primary guardians are also the primary guardians of other children already enrolled in the school (in the case of joint custody, primary guardians must have custody at least 50% of the time). This could include: ½ siblings, step-siblings, adopted siblings, cousins, nieces or nephews being cared for by grandparents, etc. If a child is drawn during the enrollment lottery for an enrollment spot at Legacy Prep and they have eligible siblings, those siblings will be automatically granted enrollment if there is space at their grade-level. Siblings of students already in attendance at Legacy Prep will be exempt from the lottery process and automatically granted a space if there is one available at their grade level.

**General Enrollment Lottery:** The lottery for all age-eligible students who submitted a complete application prior to the last Friday in February deadline will take place on the first Friday of April each year at the school and will be opened to the public. Seats will be assigned randomly.

Withdrawal policy: Students withdrawing from the school will be asked to complete the withdrawal packet which includes a parent survey/questionnaire regarding reasons for withdrawal from the school, the contact information for the new school, and a release form so that Legacy Prep can send any pertinent academic records and all legally required documents such as IEPs to the new school.

**Out of District Policy:** Legacy will prioritize students who live within the Birmingham City Schools' boundaries during both the annual lottery and the ongoing enrollment process. If a non-BCS student seeks, that student will be enrolled pending there are no BCS students on the waiting list. It is the goal, however, that the majority of the school's students will reside within district boundaries or neighboring school districts.

Transfer policy: Parents of students transferring to Legacy Prep mid-year will be required to submit/sign transfer paperwork and meet with their child's new teacher at least three day before the child can start school. Teachers must make time to meet with transfer parents in order to build relationship with the new family, complete Personalized Student Achievement Plans, convey mission, vision, school-wide and classroom expectations, and to schedule diagnostic assessment completion. Legacy Prep will request

academic records, including IEPs, from the student's previous school. Parents must provide IEP documentation or inform the office that an IEP exists at the time of submission of the transfer paperwork.

## Attachment 11: Request for Proposals for Service Providers

TBD-None at this time

# Attachment 12: Public Charter School Application

See original submission