SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,
STATE OF COLORADO
RESOLUTION No. _______

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2004, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of School District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado (the “District”) received an application for consideration of a charter school referred to as ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2004, the Board approved the charter application of ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING opened to serve students in the 2005 - 2006 school year;

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2008, the Board approved the renewal application for ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2012, the Board approved the renewal application for ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014, the Board approved the renewal application for ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2016, the Board approved a charter renewal application for consideration from ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2018, the Board received a charter renewal application for consideration from ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING;

WHEREAS, the District School Accountability Council (DAC) reviewed the renewal application and issued Recommendations & Comments;

WHEREAS, the District’s Portfolio Management Team reviewed the application, analyzed performance data, and conducted a site visit at ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING on September 27, 2018;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, after giving reasonable public notice, the Board of Education held public hearings in which ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING and other interested parties could provide information regarding the renewal application;
WHEREAS, on November 12, 2018, District staff presented their recommendation to approve the renewal application with conditions to the Board of Education, including the Recommendation concerning the Renewal Application of ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING from Interim Superintendent Cabrera (“the District Staff Report”);

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the renewal application submitted by ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING, the comments and all additional information provided by ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING, the DAC’s Recommendations & Comments, the District staff recommendations and District Staff Report, and information received at public hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that: The charter school renewal for ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING be approved on November 15, 2018 for a one-year renewal with the opportunity for a one-year extension, provided ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING meets the performance conditions to which the District and ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING mutually agreed and which are stated below. These conditions are in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community, as they ensure accountability for meeting academic performance indicators. Failure to meet these conditions will be taken into consideration in future renewal decisions.

ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING shall meet the following benchmarks in their entirety:

- ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING shall be rated as “Accredited on Priority Watch” (Orange) or higher on the 2019 District Alternative SPF.

If ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING meets the performance benchmarks in their entirety AND other provisions outlined in the contract, then ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING will be granted a one-year extension through 2021.

If ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING does not meet the performance benchmarks or other provisions outlined in the contract, its contract shall end on June 30, 2020, and ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING has agreed to surrender its contract at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year and will not be eligible for renewal.

Failure to satisfy any of the above conditions, which are material to the approval of the renewal application, may constitute grounds for revocation or non-renewal of the charter as the conditions are necessary for ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING to be in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community.

The Board of Education took into account the following in reaching this finding:
- ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING was rated “Accredited on Probation” on the 2016, 2017, and 2018 District Alternative SPF. However, the Board and staff are engaged in turnaround, including the replacement of the principal, much of the staff, and many Board members. The recent site visit indicates the school has made some significant improvements to instruction and school culture, showing early signs of success.

- The District Staff Report also provides detailed information on elements of ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING’s Organizational and Financial Health.

All of the reports and recommendations referenced above, including but not limited to the District Staff Report, DAC Recommendations & Comments, and the ACADEMY OF URBAN LEARNING charter renewal application, are hereby incorporated into this Resolution and made part of the official record.

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Anne Rowe, Board President          Dr. Carrie Olson, Secretary