



MEMORANDUM

TO: Charter School Review Committee

FROM: Gayle Peay, Director of Compliance & Reporting/Policy Analyst

RE: Central City Cyberschool

DATE: August 19, 2025

Central City Cyberschool (C3) has not submitted the required board-approved documentation of dissolution and remains under contract with the City of Milwaukee as an active charter school. Despite repeated requests from the CSRC and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the school has failed to provide a dissolution plan or evidence of compliance with contractual obligations. DPI has confirmed that, absent formal closure, Cyberschool will remain a Local Education Agency (LEA) for the 2025–26 academic year, with full reporting and audit requirements. The CSRC must review Cyberschool’s non-compliance, determine appropriate next steps regarding its charter contract.

Here is a timeline of events:

Spring 2025 – Initial Discussions

- April 2- CCC sends Policy Analyst a letter that they are planning to combine with HFCA
- April 8, 2025- DPI- Clarifies: no legal “merger” allowed; CCC must formally dissolve.
- April 30, 2025 - CCC board letter indicates intent to “merge” with HFCA. DPI requests official board minutes showing a vote to dissolve.

Early Summer 2025 – Missed Votes & Delays

- May 27, 2025 - DPI follows up for governance board documentation. No response.
- June 2, 2025 - DPI again requests official dissolution documentation.
- June 6, 2025 - A virtual exit meeting happens with School Director to provide information on completing dissolution plan and expectations for board to vote on dissolution.
- June 6, 2025 -CCC provides purchase agreement to DPI but no dissolution resolution.
- June 11, 2025 -CCC board refuses to vote to dissolve.

Mid-Summer 2025 – Escalation

- June 18, 2025 - CCC admits board unwilling to dissolve despite no staff or students because they have been enrolled and hired by HFCA. DPI warns LEA obligations will remain. Policy Analyst sends warning letter that required documentation is needed.
- June 30, 2025 -DPI stresses urgency: last day of 2024–25 academic year. Still no vote or dissolution plan.
- July 9–14, 2025 - DPI again requests action; CCC replies “delayed at legal review stage.”

Late Summer 2025 – Final Deadlines

- July 18, 2025 -CCC attorney/board member states: “If no agreement with HFCA, no dissolution will occur.”
- July 23, 2025 -DPI final deadline: no documentation received. DPI warns allocations will proceed assuming CCC is an active LEA.
- August 1, 2025 - Urgent request sent to CCC to adhere to submit required documentation. CCC still under contract with City of Milwaukee, but no board, no dissolution plan, and no compliance submissions.
- August 15th- Policy Analyst receives forwarded email from Ms. Faltz that indicating that HFCA controls operations of Cyberschool and will take over the lease of CCC’s facility with the housing authority of the City of Milwaukee.

Current Status (August 18, 2025)

Central City Cyberschool has:

- No functioning board (Contract §5.1 violation)
- Unauthorized transfer of operations to HFCA (Contract §14.4 violation)
- No dissolution plan or closure resolution (Contract §13.1 violation)
- Ongoing compliance failures, risking public funds (Contract §§9.1–9.3 violation)
- DPI: treating CCC as an open LEA for 2025–26, requiring full reporting and a financial audit in Dec. 2026.

Summary

Central City Cyberschool has repeatedly failed to comply with contract obligations and ignored state deadlines. The school’s legal entity remains under contract with the City but is non-functional.