



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

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ALD. MICHAEL J. MURPHY, CHAIR

Ald. Nik Kovac, Vice-Chair

Ald. Joe Davis, Sr., Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Ald. Robert Bauman, Ald. Terry Witkowski, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. James Bohl

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Thursday, January 15, 2015

1:30 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting convened: 1:43 P.M.

Present 8 - Murphy, Kovac, Davis, Hamilton, Bauman, Witkowski, Zielinski, Bohl

1. [141456](#) Appointment of Désirée Pointer Mace to the Charter School Review Committee by the Mayor. (11th Aldermanic District)

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Murphy, Kovac, Davis, Hamilton, Bauman, Witkowski, Zielinski and Bohl

No 0

2. [141415](#) Communication from the Charter School Review Committee transmitting its 2013-2014 Annual Report.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Individuals present:

Jeanette Mitchell, Sue Gramling and Jarett Fields - Charter School Review Committee

Janice Erin - contracts with the Charter School Review Committee

Rachel Wagner - principal of North Point Lighthouse Charter School

Rasheeda Evans, Carine Boswell and Howard Fuller, - Milwaukee Collegiate Academy

Roll call taken at 3:40 P.M.

Erica Whitehead and George Henton - King's Academy

Salim Mucan and David Chief - Milwaukee Math and Science Academy

Father Tom Miller - represents MICAH, which is schools and parents united -

concerned about lack of notice for meetings of Charter School Review Committee

Jack Norman - not all information is being provided on the schools in terms of how long they have been in operation whether a voucher school or a charter school or

expulsion rates of specific schools. He provided the committee with a document which Ald. Bohl moved to make part of the record (Exhibit 1)
Larry Hoffman - Schools and Communities United - submitted "Fulfill the Promise" booklet (Exhibit 2) which was made part of the record by Ald. Kovac

Marva Herndon, Schools and Communities United - submitted a letter (Exhibit 3) regarding Milwaukee Math & Science Academy (MMSA) - student academic performance is poor, teacher return rate is dismal, financial stability is in question, Charter Management Organization and schools are experiencing FBI raids. Regarding Northpoint Lighthouse, poorest scores of all charter schools, student retention an issue, site is unsafe for a number of reasons, money flowing out of the city, children not benefiting

Gail Hicks, Schools and Communities United - Milwaukee Collegiate Academy has been a school since 2004 and has been failing not meeting expectations (Exhibit 4)

Chris - questions accountability and liability for charter schools

Shawn Roberts, Milwaukee Charter Schools nonprofit organization - suspension and expulsion rates information is available online; rates are lower; independent charter school growth and achievement is higher than state average; keep focus on providing quality

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Murphy, Kovac, Davis, Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl

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No 0

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The following file may be placed on file as no longer necessary:

3. [140493](#) An ordinance relating to reporting requirements for sex offender residency.

Sponsors: Ald. Murphy

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Murphy, Kovac, Davis, Hamilton, Witkowski and Bohl

No 0

Excused 2 - Bauman and Zielinski

*Meeting ended: 5:05 p.m.
Linda M. Elmer and Chris Lee
Staff Assistants*

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