



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
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## Meeting Minutes

### CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

**KEVIN INGRAM, CHAIR**

*Joyce Mallory, Vice-Chair*

*Ruben Burgos, Naryan David Leazer, Desiree Pointer-Mace,  
Raynetta Hill and Aycha Sawa*

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Thursday, July 30, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual meeting

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Amended 7/2720 -- the ML Tharps contract item was added.

**1. Roll call.**

*Meeting convened: 5:03 P.M.*

*Members present: Ruben Burgos, Aycha Sawa, Kevin Ingram, Desiree Pointer-Mace,  
Raynetta Hill, Joyce Mallory*

*Members excused: Naryann Leazer*

**2. Review and approval of the minutes of the May 20th meeting.**

*Ms. Pointer-Mace moved, seconded by Mr. Burgos, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.*

**3. [190981](#)**

Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter School Review Committee for the 2019-2021 school years.

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*Ms. Susan Gramling said that every-other year they do the interviews and surveys as much as possible and this coming year is a no-survey year, so the contract is less than last year. The services to the Commission will be the same and the past year they were charging \$118 per hour and now it's a 2.5% increase to \$121 per hour. The CRC also attends board meetings and charges the same amount as they have over the past 10 years and there is also a paragraph that allows the CRC to provide a cost estimate for any requested work not covered by the contract. Ms. Pointer-Mace asked about the reduced work load due to COVID-19 or some other unexpected event. This year the CRC couldn't interview teachers or students at the end of the school year and only charges for actual hours worked. Ms. Pointer-Mace would like to do things as*

*normally as possibly, such as interview students virtually. Schools are not required to have the same local measures from year-to-year and, if something happens mid-year, the measuring data will need to reflect those changes. The two elementary schools are starting virtually in September and Ms. Gramling believes three other schools will also be opening virtually. The charter schools tend to follow what Milwaukee Public Schools does and things seem very tentative right now. Ms. Mallory noted that any schools opening would have to plans to do so approved by the health department. Ms. Mallory noted that the schools need to ensure that their students have electronic access and many of them may be losing their housing due to COVID-19. Ms. Peay has been in contact with the schools and a number have applied for grants to get Chromebooks to distribute to schools. Mr. Ingram suggested adding a section on COVID-19 and virtual learning. Mr. Ingram noted that the schools may not know how many students will be affected and try to capture data on how students and schools are affected. Ms. Gramling will gather information and data throughout the year.*

*Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Ms. Pointer-Mace, to accept the Children's Research Center contract for the 2020-2021 school year. There were no objections.*

*The contract extension is for October 23, 2019 to October 22, 2021 with ML Tharps. ML Tharps does the same kind of monitoring twice a year and gets financial reports monthly from the schools. The basic concept is the same and no changes to the scope. The cost is the same price as the last 3-4 years at \$90 per hour. ML Tharps is open to any changes. Ms. Sawa said that she would like to see the reports that they work on the Comptroller's Office as she has never personally seen them. ML Tharps is willing to meet with Ms. Sawa prior to issuing a draft report and he will arrange that with her.*

*Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. Burgos, for approval of the contract.*

*Meeting adjourned: 5:39 P.M.  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*