

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: TERMINATION HEARING OF :  
CHARTER CONTRACT OF THE :  
MACON CHARTER ACADEMY. :**

**NOTICE AND ORDER**

The Georgia State Board of Education ("State Board") hereby gives notice to the Macon Charter Academy ("MCA"), that the State Board will conduct a hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2068(a) and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 160-4-9-.06(3)(e) regarding whether the State Board should terminate MCA's charter contract.

State law provides that the State Board may terminate a charter if the State Board finds a failure to: adhere to material terms of the charter school's charter contract; meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management; follow applicable federal, state, or local laws or court orders; or the existence of competent substantial evidence that the continued operation of the charter school would be contrary to the best interests of the students or the community. O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2068(a)(2).

The Georgia Department of Education ("GDOE") has alleged that MCA failed to adhere to material terms of its charter; that it failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management; that it violated applicable federal, state, or local laws and court orders; and that the continued operation of MCA would be contrary to the best interests of the students or the community.

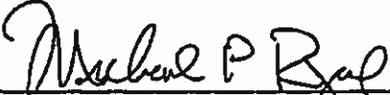
Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the MCA should appear on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. before the State Board for a hearing and to present evidence regarding the recommendation of the GDOE to terminate MCA's charter contract as set forth in detail in the attached April 7, 2016 letter from Aarti Sharma, GDOE Charter Schools Division Director.

It is further **ORDERED** that the parties confer in good faith and stipulate to as many possible facts before the hearing. Should either party desire to have a telephonic pre-hearing conference, the party shall make a request identifying the specific issues by Thursday, August 4, 2016. The parties have the right to subpoena witnesses and documents. The parties may submit a request for a pre-hearing conference and subpoena forms by emailing the Hearing Officer at [kpr@reddylaw.net](mailto:kpr@reddylaw.net).

It is further hereby **ORDERED** that the parties shall file a witness list which includes: the telephone number of the witness and a brief description of the anticipated testimony of each witness; a document list; and any stipulated facts with the State Board. The parties shall serve a copy of these pleadings by email to the Hearing Officer and opposing counsel by 5:00 p.m. on

Thursday, August 11, 2016. The parties are further directed to exchange copies of documents by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016. The parties are required to provide copies of all exhibits (tabbed, indexed, and bound) at the hearing for the Hearing Officer, the Chair, and each Member of the State Board.

SO ORDERED, this 1st day of July, 2016.

  
MICHAEL P. ROYAL, CHAIRMAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

  
K. P. REDDY, HEARING OFFICER  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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