SOUTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	South Carolina Public Charter School Application **Statement of Assurances for Charter Schools**

As the authorized representative of , _____ I hereby certify that the stated charter school complies with all applicable South Carolina Charter Schools Act of 1996 requirements as submitted in this statement of assurances.

A. Complies with all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(2)(b)

B. Does not charge tuition or other charges pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-19-90(8) except as may be allowed by the sponsor and is comparable to the charges of the local school district in which the charter school is located. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(2)(d)

C. Adheres to the same health, safety, civil rights, and disability rights requirements as are applied to other public schools operating in the same school district or, in the case of the South Carolina Public Charter School District (SCPCSD) or a public or independent institution of higher learning, the local school district in which the charter school is located. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(1)

D. Meets, and may exceed, the same minimum student attendance requirements as are applied to public schools. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(2)

E. Adheres to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and audit requirements as are applied to public schools. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(3)

F. Reports to its sponsor and the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) documentation of the appropriate use of federal funds the charter school may receive.

G. Uses the same pupil accounting system as required of public schools and districts.

H. Employs noncertified teachers in a ratio of up to 25 percent of its entire teaching staff (10 percent for conversion schools). All teachers in core academic areas will be highly qualified as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(5)

I. Employs one administrative staff member who is certified or experienced in the field of school administration. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(6)

J. Is secular in its curriculum, programs, governance, and all other operations. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-40(1)

K. Complies with the Freedom of Information Act. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(10)

L. Complies with the ESEA legislation and applicable provisions of the SCDE's ESEA waiver.

M. Adheres to all provisions of reporting student truancy, discipline incidents, and persistently dangerous situations as required by ESEA.

N. Assumes liability for the activities of the charter school and will indemnify and hold harmless the school district and its servants, agents, and employees from any and all liability, damage, expense, causes of action, suits, claims, or judgments arising from injury to persons or property or otherwise which arises out of the act, failure to act, or negligence of the charter school, or its agents and employees, in connection with or arising out of the activity of the charter school. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(15)

O. Reports to its sponsor and the SCDE any changes to the information provided under its application in a timely manner. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-140(H)

P. Reports at least annually to its sponsor and the SCDE all information required by the sponsor and by the SCDE, including, at a minimum, the number of students enrolled in the charter school, the success of students in achieving the specific educational goals for which the charter school was established, and the identity and certification status of the teaching staff. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-140(H)

Q. Adheres to all provisions of federal law relating to students with disabilities, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 that are applicable. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(1)

R. Adheres to all provisions of federal law relating to students who are limited English proficient (LEP), including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-50(B)(1)

S. Complies with S.C. Code Ann. § 59-63-235 (2004), which provides for the expulsion of any student who brings a firearm to school.

T. Complies with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232).

U. Complies with any school district desegregation plan or order in effect. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-60(F)(9)

V. Adheres to all requirements of the Office of School Facilities as detailed in the Charter School Facilities Approval Form.

W. Understands that, as a charter, we gain autonomy to make decisions in exchange for accountability to our authorizer.

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Signature of Charter School Planning Committee Chair Date