

CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL COMMISSION
Recommendation to State Board of Education, June 17, 2008

IMAGINE-PALM BEACH COUNTY, LLC.

Petitioner,

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY

_____/ DOE Case No.2007-1475

RECOMMENDATION

On October 14, 2007, the School Board of Palm Beach County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Imagine-Palm Beach County, LLC. (Charter School). The School Board's letter of denial was dated November 28, 2007. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on December 28, 2007. On May 21, 2008, the Charter School Appeal Commission heard the appeal of this matter. **Thereafter, the Commission voted 5 to 1 to recommend to the State Board of Education to grant the appeal of the Charter School.** The Commission's justifications for its recommendation were as follows:

1. The Commission voted 5 to 1 that the School Board did not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "The failure to adequately address the governance and school management, specifically related to the role of the parent company."
2. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board did not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of "The failure to address the role of an educational service provider, specifically based on (1) the role of the tax exempt status of the school; and (2) the role of the parent company."

3. The Commission voted 6 to 0 that the School Board did not have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was statutorily deficient in the area of “Failure to adequately address the schools budget, based on specifically on high start up and other costs.”

Kim McDougal, Commissioner’s Designee
Charter School Appeal Commission

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AGENCY CLERK