

CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL COMMISSION
Recommendation to State Board of Education, March 15, 2005

LIFE SKILLS CENTER
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, INC.

Petitioner,

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

DOE Case No. 2004-1045

RECOMMENDATION

On November 16, 2004, the School Board of Hillsborough County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Life Skills Center Hillsborough County, Inc. (Charter applicant). The School Board's letter of denial was dated November 22, 2004. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on December 22, 2004. On February 24, 2005, the Charter School Appeal Commission heard the appeal of this matter. **Thereafter, the Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend to the State Board of Education to grant the appeal of the Charter applicant.** The Commission's justifications for its recommendation were as follows:

- A. The Commission voted 7 to 0 to recommend that the School Board **did not** have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the school will operate in a deficit from its start.
- B. The Commission voted 7 to 0 that the School Board's denial of the Charter Application based on the concern in this case that the school will operate in a deficit from its start **is not** statutory good cause for denial under Florida Law.

Kim McDougal, Commissioner's Designee
Charter School Appeal Commission

FILED with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Education this _____ day of March 2005.

AGENCY CLERK