

CHARTER SCHOOL APPEAL COMMISSION
Recommendation to State Board of Education, May 19, 2009

PADAH'S ACADEMY

v.

SCHOOL BOARD OF
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

_____/ DOE Case No.2008-1709

RECOMMENDATION

On November 18, 2008, the School Board of Hillsborough County (School Board) voted to deny the charter application of Padah's Academy (Charter School). The School Board's letter of denial was dated December 1, 2008. The Charter applicant filed this appeal on December 23, 2008. On April 17, 2009, the Charter School Appeal Commission heard the appeal of this matter. **Thereafter, the Commission voted 6 to 1 to recommend that the State Board of Education deny the appeal of the Charter School.** The Commission's justifications for its recommendation were as follows:

1. The Commission voted 6 to 1 that the School Board did have competent, substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was deficient in the area of complying with sections 1002.33(6), and 1002.33(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes, regarding the governing board.
2. The Commission voted 4 to 3 that the School Board's denial based on its finding that the Application was deficient in the area of complying with sections 1002.33(6), and 1002.33(7)(a)9., Florida Statutes, regarding the governing board was good cause for denial.
3. The Commission voted 6 to 1 that the School Board did have competent substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was deficient in the area of complying with sections 1002.33(6)(a)5., and 1002.33(6)(b)2., Florida Statutes, regarding the proposed budget.
4. The Commission voted 6 to 1 that the School Board's denial based on its finding that the Application was deficient in the area of complying with sections 1002.33(6)(a)5., and 1002.33(6)(b)2., Florida Statutes, regarding the proposed budget was good cause for denial.

5. The Commission voted 7 to 0 that the School Board did not have competent substantial evidence to support its finding that the Application was deficient in the area of complying with section 1002.33(6)(a)2., Florida Statutes, regarding a comprehensive reading plan.

Lois Tepper, Commissioner's Designee
Charter School Appeal Commission

FILED with the Agency Clerk of the Department of Education this _____ day of April, 2009.

AGENCY CLERK