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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, November 19, 2009, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on the state's charter school system. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

In this study, the Commission is examining the governance structure of the state's charter school system as well as the authority and oversight functions of the charter authorizing agencies. The Commission also will examine the criteria for charter school renewal and issues of financing charter school facilities. At this hearing, the Commission will discuss how the state can better hold charter schools accountable.

The Commission will hear from the president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, who will discuss how to improve charter schools from a national perspective. The founder and chairman of Green Dot Public Schools will talk about the role of charter management organizations as well as recent developments in the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Santa Clara County superintendent of schools will discuss the role of charter school authorizers and the opportunities to improve oversight. The Commission also will hear from a panel representing the California School Board Association also will discuss options to improve oversight as well as options for enhancing transparency. Finally, the executive director of the California Charter Schools Association will talk about opportunities for expanding accountability in the state's charter school system.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, November 12, 2009.



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**Public Hearing on Charter Schools
Thursday, November 19, 2009
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento**

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

National Perspective: Improving Charter Schools and their Authorizers

1. Greg Richmond, President & Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Charter School Authorizers

Charter Management Organizations: Replicating Success in Los Angeles

2. Steve Barr, Founder & Chairman, Green Dot Public Schools

Charter School Administrators: Improving Oversight and Accountability

3. Charles Weis, Superintendent of Schools, Santa Clara County Office of Education

California School Boards Association: Strengthening the Charter School System

4. Josephine Lucey, Vice President of the Board, Cupertino Union School District
5. Stephanie Medrano Farland, Senior Research and Policy Consultant, California School Boards Association

Charter Schools: Expanding Accountability and Replicating Success

6. Jed Wallace, President & Chief Executive Officer, California Charter Schools Association

Business Meeting Agenda

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2009
- II. Draft Report – Infrastructure Finance and Policy
- III. Schedule/Project Selection
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from Bureau of State Audits