

September 13, 2021

Please note:

The attached Board agenda item and SCOE Recommended Findings of Fact for the Capital Career & College Academy countywide charter petition are posted on the SCOE website September 13, 2021 in order to be in compliance with the 15-day posting requirement under Education Code section 47605.6(b). These documents will be included in the September 28, 2021 Sacramento County Board of Education agenda packet, which will be posted on September 17, 2021.



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Sep 13, 2021 - CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION POSTING
Category	1. Recommended Findings of Fact
Subject	A. Public Hearing of Capital College & Career Academy Countywide Charter Petition
Access	Public
Type	

CHARTER PETITION:

On September 28, 2021, the Sacramento County Board of Education (County Board) will conduct a public hearing and consider the Capital Career & College Academy (CCCA) countywide charter petition. CCCA's petition proposes a STEAM-focused, early college, countywide charter high school, with a curriculum centered on linked learning and authentic project-based experiences. CCCA's plan is to open with an initial 9th grade cohort of 70 students in August 2022 and grow to serve 370 students in grades 9-12 by 2025-2026, while providing students with the option to return for a fifth year of learning and support.

Following review of the CCCA petition and the public hearing, the County Board must either approve or deny the petition. If the County Board denies the countywide charter petition, CCCA has no right of appeal. (Ed. Code, § 47605.6(k); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 11966.5(e).)

BACKGROUND:

From February 2019 through June 2021, Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOPE) staff met numerous times with CCCA representatives to discuss its anticipated charter school petition, review the standards required for approval of a countywide charter, and provide feedback regarding major elements of CCCA's proposal that needed strengthening.

CCCA submitted its petition for a countywide charter school on July 1, 2021, then supplemented its petition with signed affirmations on July 9, 2021, and with updated bylaws and board member descriptions on August 15, 2021.

On August 4 and 6, 2021, SCOPE met with CCCA to express concerns with key elements of CCCA's petition, including the budget, description of the educational program, and CCCA's readiness to successfully implement its proposed program. CCCA elected to proceed with its petition and, on September 2, 2021, submitted a revised budget and information on newly appointed board members. Neither CCCA's original or supplemented petition adequately address the major concerns raised by SCOPE in its multiple meetings with CCCA before and after the petition was submitted.

SCOPE CHARTER PETITION ANALYSIS

CCCA's vision is to prepare students for college and career by providing opportunities for early college, project-based learning, and practical workplace training, experience, and certifications. However, CCCA's charter petition does not include sufficient justification for authorization as a countywide charter school, nor does it present a realistic, sustainable plan to successfully implement or accomplish its vision.

While the petition contains adequate descriptions of certain elements, it is deficient in the most important areas needed to operate and sustain a school. It lacks a viable budget, a realistic staffing plan, evidence of a sound educational program, a sufficient plan to support students with special needs and English learners, and reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all the legally required elements, including the educational program, measurable

pupil outcomes, charter school facilities, staff qualifications, and retirement systems coverage.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt SCOE's Recommended Findings of Fact and deny the Capital Career & College Academy countywide charter petition.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Sacramento County Board of Education (Board) to receive public comment and input from the community regarding the Capital College & Career Academy (CCCA) Sacramento Countywide Charter School petition. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board may take action on CCCA's charter petition.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** or thereafter.

In compliance with current California Executive Order N-08-21 allowing local legislative bodies to satisfy transparency requirements by holding meetings via teleconference, the County Committee will conduct this hearing via Zoom video and/or teleconference. Members of the public may access the meeting and provide public comment as follows:

Zoom Video Conference: To view the meeting from a computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to: <https://scoe.zoom.us/j/94507538412>

To listen by telephone: Primary Number: (669) 900-6833
Secondary Number: (253) 215-8782
Enter the Meeting ID: 945 0753 8412

Public Comment: Members of the public may submit public comment through a Google form at <http://bit.ly/scoe-board-9-28-21>. Written comments received by 6:00 p.m. on September 28, 2021 meeting will be read during the teleconferenced meeting at appropriate times.

Persons who require reasonable accommodation or modification to observe and/or offer public comment are asked to contact the Superintendent's Office at (916) 228-2410 or wwatson@scoe.net at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Materials subject to the public hearing are available at the Sacramento County Office of Education website at <https://www.scoe.net/board/schedule/>. For more information, please call (916) 228-2410.