

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

October 16, 2007

**SUBJECT: Charter School Appeal -- Believer's School of Learning vs. School Board of Bradford County**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Accept the Recommendation of the Charter School Appeal Commission

### **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, requires the Charter School Appeal Commission to make written recommendations to the State Board of Education to accept or reject the decision of a district school board to terminate a charter school contract.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Charter School Appeal Commission was created pursuant to Section 1002.33(6), Florida Statutes, to assist the Commissioner and the State Board of Education with a fair and impartial review of appeals by applicants whose charters have been denied or whose charter contracts have not been renewed by their sponsors.

The Commission is responsible for providing a "written recommendation" to the Commissioner of Education stating whether the appeal should be upheld or denied and includes the reasons for the recommendation being offered. The State Board must consider the Commission's recommendation, but is not bound by the recommendation. By majority vote, the State Board must accept or reject the decision of the district school board no later than 90 calendar days after an appeal is filed.

The Charter School Appeal Commission met on September 24, 2007, to consider the charter school appeal filed on July 19, 2007, by Believers School of Learning, Inc., and has since provided its recommendations to the Commissioner of Education (attached).

**Appeal Commission Recommends Denying the Charter School Appeal** (i.e., uphold the school board decision)

- Believers School of Learning, Inc. vs. Bradford County School Board  
(Final vote: 7:0)

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Charter School Appeal Commission Recommendation and Technical Assistance Paper (Notice of Appeal and Response of School Board under separate cover.)

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Dr. Kim McDougal, Commissioner's Designee as Chair  
Charter School Appeal Commission