Charter School Appeal Item: IV. A.

Connections Preparatory Academy

The Background:

Connections Preparatory Academy submitted an initial charter application to Jackson-Madison County Schools. After reviewing the application, the Jackson-Madison County Board of Education voted to deny the charter proposal at the regularly scheduled board meeting held on June 11, 2015.

On July 15, 2015, Connections Preparatory Academy sponsors submitted an amended application to address the deficiencies cited in the initial application. At the August 13, 2015 meeting of the Jackson-Madison County Board of Education, the board voted to deny the amended application.

On August 24, 2015, the sponsors of the Connections Preparatory charter application appealed to the State Board of Education. A hearing was held on October 6, 2015 at the Jackson-Madison County Board of Education. The State Board of Education Charter Application Review Committee conducted a de novo on the record review of the application and held a capacity interview with the applicant on September 23, 2015.

The Recommendation:

The Executive Director's recommendation will be provided prior to the meeting.