

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUC Achieve Charter School of Rochester
July 28, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance: President White, Commissioners Adams, Hallmark, Powell and Acting Board Clerk Francine Scott.

President White opened the hearing at 6:05 p.m.

President White stated that Education Law subdivision 2857(1) and regulations of the Commissioner of Education 8 N.Y.C.R.R. § 119.4 require the Board to conduct a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of a notice of the application or request for a charter revision.

President White explained that the Board of Education of the Rochester City School District is conducting this public hearing to gather community input regarding PUC Achieve Charter School which is requesting to revise its charter to serve approximately 297 students in grades 5-7 in the 2016-17 school year, adding an 8th grade in the 2017-18 school year, and increasing projected student enrollment to 420 students by 2018-19. PUC Achieve Charter School currently serves approximately 185 students in 5th and 6th grades.

President White then requested public comment regarding the school.

Arkee Allen, Principal of PUC Achieve Charter School stated that the school is expected to open September 1, 2016. He noted that in the event that the facilities are not complete by the start of the school a local college will accommodate 185 of their students. Principal Allen also stated that English and math scores increased immensely at PUC Achieve Charter School due to staff connecting with students weekly to discuss their progress. Principal Allen also attributed the school's success to staff encouraging students to care about themselves.

No other speakers wishing to provide comment were present.

President White concluded the hearing at 6:15 p.m.