REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING on PUBLIC COMMENTS before the MS CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD pursuant to the MS Administrative Procedures Law

The MS Charter School Authorizer Board invited Public Comment Nov. 1, 2013 regarding its proposed By-Laws, Application Request for Proposals and Evaluation Rubric. These items constitute proposed rules and rule-making under the Administrative Procedures Law. *MS Code Sec. 25-43-1.102(i),(j)*.

The MS Administrative Procedures Law (APA) provides for the public to request a public hearing to present oral and written argument:

An agency, in its discretion, may schedule an oral proceeding on any proposed rule. However, an agency shall schedule an oral proceeding on a proposed rule if, within twenty (20) days after the proper filing of the notice of proposed rule adoption, a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. At that proceeding, persons may present oral or written argument, data and views on the proposed rule. [emphasis added.] *MS Code Sec. 25-43-3.104(2)(a)*.

(c) The agency, a member of the agency, or another presiding officer designated by the agency shall preside at a required oral proceeding on a proposed rule. Oral proceedings must be open to the public and may be recorded by stenographic or other means. MS Code Sec. 25-43-3.104(2)(c).

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Law the undersigned citizens of the State of Mississippi, being 10 persons or more, respectfully request a public hearing in connection with the rule-making procedures for the Charter Board By-Laws, Application Request for Proposals, the Evaluation Rubric and the issue of ratification of the Charter Board nominees.

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