

**RESOLUTION AND WRITTEN FINDINGS  
OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF  
SAMUELI ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature enacted the Charter Schools Act of 1992, Education Code section 47600 et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 47607(a)(2) states that a chartering authority may grant one or more subsequent renewals pursuant to Education Code sections 47607 and 47607.2;

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 47607(b) requires that renewals shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to new charter petitions as set forth in Education Code section 47605. However, a charter renewal shall not be denied based on the fiscal impact of the charter school on the district or a finding that the charter school is unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the charter school is located;

**WHEREAS**, in determining whether to grant a charter renewal, a chartering authority shall review both schoolwide performance and the performance of numerically significant student subgroups on the state and local indicators included in the California School Dashboard, giving greater weight to performance on measurements of academic performance. If the Dashboard indicators are not yet available for the most recently completed academic year before renewal, a chartering authority shall consider verifiable data provided by the charter school related to the Dashboard indicators, such as data from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or any successor system, for the most recent academic year;

**WHEREAS**, following the review, a renewal of the charter petition may be granted in accordance with a three-tiered system based on the charter school's performance pursuant to Education Code section 47607(c) for high performing charter schools, Education Code section 47607.2(b) for middle performing charter schools and Education Code section 47607.2(a) for low performing charter schools;

**WHEREAS**, a chartering authority may deny renewal of a charter upon a finding that the school is demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition due to substantial fiscal or governance factors or a finding that the school is

not serving all students who wish to attend. When denying a charter renewal for either of these reasons, a chartering authority shall provide the charter school at least 30 days' notice of the alleged violation and a reasonable opportunity to cure the violation, including the submission of a proposed corrective action plan. The renewal shall be denied if a chartering authority finds either the corrective action proposed by the charter school has been unsuccessful or the violations are sufficiently severe and pervasive as to render a corrective action plan unviable. Any finding that a school is not serving all students who wish to attend shall specifically identify the evidence supporting the finding;

**WHEREAS**, in determining whether to grant a charter renewal for a charter school eligible for the state's Dashboard Alternative School Status, a chartering authority shall consider, in addition to the charter school's performance on the state and local indicators included in the Dashboard, the charter school's performance on alternative metrics applicable to the charter school based on the student population served. The chartering authority may deny a charter renewal only upon making written findings, setting forth specific facts to support the findings that the closure of the charter school is in the best interest of students;

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2025, the Orange County Board of Education ("Board") received a petition from Samueli Academy, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for the renewal of Samueli Academy;

**WHEREAS**, on January 7, 2026, the Board held a public hearing on the charter renewal and received public comment thereon;

**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 2026, the Board published a Staff report, with recommended findings, prepared by staff members of the Orange County Department of Education ("OCDE");

**WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2026, the Board at its regular meeting held a public hearing, at which, the Petitioners had equivalent time and procedures to present evidence and testimony to respond to the staff recommendations and findings, to grant or deny the renewal petition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board reviewed and considered the renewal Petition and related information received with respect to the renewal Petition, including information presented at the public hearings and in the Staff Report in accordance with Education Code sections 47607;

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the renewal petition for a charter school submitted by Samueli Academy, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, for the operation of Samueli Academy for a period of five years, beginning on July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2031;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Samueli Academy will enter into an Agreement that addresses the operational relationship between the School, the Board and OCDE no later than the Board's regularly scheduled meeting in April 2026.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )  
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I, Mari Barke, President of the Orange County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved and adopted by the Orange County Board of Education at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of February 2026, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

BY:



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Mari Barke, President  
Orange County Board of Education