

**The Gentlemen and Ladies STEM Academy Charter School Appeal**

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**The Background:**

The Gentlemen and Ladies STEM Academy Charter School (GLA-STEM) submitted an initial charter application to Shelby County Schools on April 1, 2019. After reviewing the initial application, the Shelby County Schools Board of Education voted to deny the charter proposal at the regularly scheduled board meeting held on June 25, 2019.

On July 26, 2019, the sponsors of GLA-STEM submitted an amended application to address the deficiencies cited in the initial application. At the September 17, 2019 meeting of the Shelby County Schools Board of Education, the board voted to deny the amended application.

On September 27, 2019, the sponsors of the GLA-STEM charter application appealed to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education Charter Application Review Committee (Review Committee) conducted a de novo on the record review of the amended application and held a capacity interview with the applicant on October 30, 2019. A public hearing was held on November 5, 2019 at the Shelby County Board of Education in Memphis.

The Executive Director's recommendation is based on the review of the record, information presented at the public hearing, the public comment received, and the recommendation of the Review Committee on this appeal.

**The Recommendation:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**PRIOR TO THE MEETING**