# ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC COUNTY OF ATLANTIC

Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings-Financial, Compliance and Performance

> FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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#### AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Atlantic Community Charter School, Inc. County of Atlantic, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Community Charter School, Inc., in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, which were separately issued in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report dated November 30, 2023.

As part of our audit, we also performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Community Charter School, Inc., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and is intended for the information of the Charter School's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott P. Barron Certified Public Accountant Public School Accountant No. CS 002459

Voorhees, New Jersey November 30, 2023

#### ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

#### SCOPE OF AUDIT

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

#### Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on exhibit J-20, insurance schedule, contained in the Charter School's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

#### Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

Name	Position					
Donella Edwards	Board Secretary / School Business Administrator (Through 6/16/2023)	\$162,500				
Glenn Richardson	Board Secretary / School Business Administrator (from 6/17/2023)	200,000				
Robert L. Sapp	Treasurer of School Moneys	200,000				

There is blanket employee dishonesty/ faithful performance coverage for all other employees with the following coverage: \$100,000 per loss.

#### P.L.2020, c.44

In accordance with P.L. 2021, c.163, the provisions of P.L. 2020, c.44 do not apply to Charter Schools employers unless they have a collective negotiation agreement with any of their employees in effect on or after the effective date of P.L. 2020, c.44. The Charter School data certification was not completed by the chief school administrator as it was not required to be submitted.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

#### Examination of Claims

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

#### Payroll Account

The net salaries of sampled employees of the Charter School were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Sampled payrolls were approved by the Chief School Administrator and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator.

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of the payroll.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

#### Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

#### <u>Travel</u>

Our procedures performed on travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

#### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

#### **Board Secretary's Records**

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

#### Treasurer of School Moneys' Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer of School Moneys indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

## Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (E.S.S.A.)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I, II, IV and V of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The audit of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

#### Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The Charter School's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a sample basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

#### **TPAF Reimbursement**

Our audit procedures included a sample of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for Charter School employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

#### TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's final report(s) for all federal awards for the Charter School to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the Charter School for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management and N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. The expenditure was inspected subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

#### SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

#### **Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids**

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

#### http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000.00 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$20,200.00 for 2022-23.

The Charter School's Members of the Board of Trustees has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our audit, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

#### STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

#### ENROLLMENT COUNTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Our audit procedures included a sample of enrollment information on October 14, 2022, and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

#### FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The Charter School complied with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The Charter School submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

#### FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the Charter School, and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2022

	Submission to	Sample												
	DOE reported	Reported on	Verified signed		Verified		Special Ed &	Verified		Verified # days			Verified	
Grade	On Roll	Workpapers	Registration Forms	Errors	# days enrolled	Errors	or Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Documentation	Errors
indergarten	42	25			25		2	2		2		18	18	
ne	38	19			19		4	4		4		16	16	
wo	43	20			20		3	3		3		17	17	
hree	39	23			23		1	1		1		19	19	
our	33	16			16		4	4		4		12	12	
ive	46	26			26		10	10		10		22	22	
ix	34	27			27		6	6		6		21	21	
even	34	19			19		6	6		6		17	17	
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#### ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2023

	Submission to	Sample												
	DOE reported	Reported on	Verified signed		Verified		Special Ed &	Verified		Verified # days			Verified	
Grade	On Roll	Workpapers	Registration Forms	Errors	# days enrolled	Errors	or Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	50	26			26		2	2		2		18	18	
One	41	22			22		4	4		4		18	18	
Two	45	26			26		3	3		3		20	20	
Three	46	24			24		1	1		1		17	17	
Four	36	21			21		5	5		5		18	18	
Five	47	23			23		3	3		3		22	22	
Six	40	13			13		5	5		5		12	12	
Seven	36	17			17		7	7		7		13	13	
Eight	26	16			16		6	6		6		16	16	
Nine														
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
Total	367	188	-		188	-	36	36	-	36	-	154	154	-

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### ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

Not applicable

5. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

None

6. Application for State School Aid

Not applicable

7. Charter School Enrollment (CHE)

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.