CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 302

WHEREAS, Act No. 302 of the 2020 Legislative Session (the "Act") provides for holding meetings electronically during certain emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana declared a Public Health Emergency due to the threat posed to public safety by the COVID-19 outbreak on March 11, 2020, via Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, as amended on March 16, 2020 as Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020, and renewed on May 14, 2020 as Proclamation Number 59 JBE 2020, on June 4, 2020 as Proclamation Number 75 JBE 2020, and on June 25, 2020 as Proclamation Number 84 JBE 2020 (collectively the "Public Health Emergency Proclamations")

WHEREAS, Section 7.1 of the Act authorizes all local political subdivisions of the State, including charter school boards (the "School Board") to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of the emergency;

WHEREAS, Section 17.1(2) further mandates that, before invoking this authority, the School Board is required to certify that it would be unable to operate due to quorum requirements;

WHEREAS, the School Board needs to conduct essential business of the school;

WHEREAS the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the following:

- a. matters that are directly related to the charter schools response to the COVID-19 emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- b. matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of public education services.
- c. matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the charter school and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of the Open Meeting law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the charter school.

WHEREAS, due to underlying health concerns of several members of the School Board, which could be negatively affected by COVID-19, the School Board will not be able to obtain a quorum of the members of the School Board and will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements;

WHEREAS, the School Board, therefore, needs to implement the authorization located in the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Act No. 302, the School Board hereby certifies on this _17th _day of ___March_ 2021, that it is unable to obtain an in-person quorum for its <u>Special Board</u> <u>Meeting</u> scheduled for March 18, 2021, due to the threat of COVID- 19, and that, therefore, its members may participate in such meeting via teleconference or video conference. Additionally, all efforts will to be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. The public may access the board meetings electronically via Google Meet. Information about the video/audio meeting ID, dial-up number, and public comment procedures can be found on the school website: www.universityview.academy.

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