

## CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR UTOPIAN ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

This amendment to the charter of Utopian Academy for the Arts (“Amendment”) is entered into by and between Utopian Academy for the Arts: The Miller Foundation, Inc. and the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (“SCSC”) to amend the accountability expectations for Utopian Academy for the Arts to incorporate the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework as the measure of the Utopian Academy for the Art’s academic, financial, and operational performance for the term of the charter contract.

WHEREAS, Utopian Academy for the Arts: The Miller Foundation, Inc. and the SCSC entered into a charter contract on or about November 20, 2013, for the operation of Utopian Academy for the Arts (the “Charter Contract”);

WHEREAS, the SCSC adopted the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework to provide clear and transparent measures of charter school academic, financial, and operational performance; and

WHEREAS, Utopian Academy for the Arts desires to be held accountable for its performance as measured by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework rather than its current contractual performance goals;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, mutual agreements, and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Utopian Academy for the Arts: The Miller Foundation, Inc. and the SCSC agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 9 of the Charter Contract shall be stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### Comprehensive Performance Framework and Performance Expectations.


- a. Incorporation into Charter Contract. The Comprehensive Performance Framework adopted by the SCSC shall be incorporated into the Charter as Exhibit A. The Comprehensive Performance Framework shall supersede and replace any and all assessment measures, educational goals and objectives, financial operations metrics, and organizational performance metrics set forth in the Application and not explicitly incorporated into the Comprehensive Performance Framework or this charter contract. The specific terms, form and requirements of the Comprehensive Performance Framework, including any required indicators, measures, metrics, and targets, are maintained and disseminated by the SCSC and will be binding on the Charter School. Material amendments to the Comprehensive Performance Framework shall require approval by the SCSC and shall be automatically incorporated into this Charter Contract upon SCSC approval without further amendment to the Charter Contract. In the event that such modifications or amendments are required, including modifications to address amended laws, the SCSC will use best efforts to apply expectations for school

performance in a manner as consistent as possible with those set forth in the Comprehensive Performance Framework.

- b. Monitoring and Reporting. In accordance with SCSC Rule 691-2-.03, the SCSC shall monitor the Charter School's progress in relation to the indicators, measures, metrics and targets set out in the Comprehensive Performance Framework, as well as other applicable rules and laws. The SCSC shall publically report the Charter School's achievement and compliance at least annually.
- c. Performance Expectations. **The Charter School's performance in relation to the indicators, measures, metrics and targets set forth in the Comprehensive Performance Framework shall provide the basis upon which the SCSC will decide whether to renew the Charter School's Charter Contract at the end of the Charter term. This section shall not preclude the SCSC from considering other factors when relevant.**
- d. Mission Specific Goals. The Charter School shall earn points as set forth in the Comprehensive Performance Framework for meeting the following mission specific goals:
  - i. Starting in the 2016-17 school year, and for each remaining year of the charter term, at least eighty percent (80%) of respondents who complete an annual student survey assessing Utopian Academy's environment will rate the school as being a friendly place where they feel welcomed. This survey will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted survey practices and will be reported to the Board of Directors and all stakeholders annually.
  - ii. Starting in the 2016-17 school year, and for each remaining year of the charter term, at least eighty percent (80%) of Utopian Academy for the Arts students will participate in two of the following artistic disciplines: dance, broadcast/video production, theater, band, chorus, visual art, and culinary arts annually. Utopian Academy seeks to have five percent (5%) increases each year thereafter, or until the school reaches one hundred percent (100%) participation.

2. Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Charter Contact shall remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the undersigned as of the date set forth next to each signature. This Amendment shall be effective as of the date of the last signature below.

  
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Chairperson,  
STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

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(Date)

*Sharon Daniel*

*11-2-2016*

Governing Board President,

(Date)

UTOPIAN ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS: THE MILLER FOUNDATION, INC.