

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Greater Works Charter School Public Hearing**  
**October 8, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:** President Evans, Vice President White, Commissioner Adams and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

Vice President White opened the hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Vice President White stated that Education Law subdivision 2857(1) and regulations of the Commissioner of Education 8 N.Y.C.R.R. § 119.4 require the Board to conduct a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of notice of an application for a new charter school.

Vice President White explained that the Board of Education of the Rochester City School District is conducting this public hearing to gather community input regarding the application of the Greater Works Charter School.

The proposed Greater Works Charter School will be a grade 9-12 secondary school. The mission and purpose of the Greater Works Charter School will be to provide a high quality, college preparatory, blended-learning education for Rochester students in a safe, small school setting that will lay the foundation for our students' success in college, careers and life through an innovative, personal and challenging learning approach and strong student-adult relationships that support youth asset development.

Vice President White then requested public input and questions regarding this school.

Founder of the Greater Works Charter School Ted Morris, Jr. spoke about the mission of the charter school and his educational and professional background. The primary objective of Charter School is to provide students who have not completed high school with an opportunity to graduate from high school and to prepare them for college and careers. Mr. Morris stated that the school's target population is students who are over age and under credited, high school dropouts, and/or students who are otherwise at risk of academic failure. He also spoke about the fiscal impact on the Rochester City School District, mentioning that the Charter School seeks to work collaboratively with the District to address the needs of the community.

Vice President White concluded the hearing at 6:16 p.m.