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4	(Beginning of Excerpt)
5	MS. GRAY: Our next agenda item, 10.01,
6	Application Denial for Hillsborough County
7	Acceleration Academy. I think, Superintendent
8	Davis, you may want to perhaps let's see how it
9	goes. You have two denials. Perhaps we can do
10	those together.
11	Mr. Porter, is that possible or not?
12	MR. PORTER: No. I think these are all
13	individual cases and each one is based on its own
14	merits. And so I would recommend that you handle
15	each of these independently. They're different than
16	other items and I think it's important that each be
17	heard separately and voted on separately.
18	MS. GRAY: Thank you. Superintendent
19	Davis, will you highlight 10.01?
20	MR. DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. 10.01's
21	Application Denial for Hillsborough County
22	Acceleration Academy. This is an academy that came
23	that wanted to truly address, to offer grade level
24	assistance to students from grades 9 through 12 and
25	those who are out of the cohort of graduation that



1 may have potentially dropped out in Hillsborough
2 County.

However, you know, within their contract, they offered to have a 230-day contract for students, but we currently have two current charter schools with West University and Seminole Heights that offer kind of the same mentality.

However, there were some questions related to the overarching application. One being able to make certain that we prove seat time. In addition, there was a non-disclosure agreement, which we haven't done in Hillsborough County for not to duplicate services currently being offered and there were some underlying ESE services questions that through the application process that our team questioned.

Dr. Rain?

DR. RAIN: Yeah. And, on top of that, the management company was asking 95 percent of the FEFP from the governing board and we don't do that in Hillsborough County either. So we had statutory reasons to deny the application.

MS. GRAY: Thank you, Dr. Delange. Thank you, Superintendent Davis. I think we have a -- oh, Member Vaughn, you had pulled this item. Would you



1 like to make a comment, question? 2 MS. VAUGHN: No. I just wanted all the 3 charter schools so we could discuss it. 4 I need a motion and a second MS. GRAY: 5 for 10.01. I have a motion by Member Washington. 6 MR. PORTER: And just to be clear on the 7 record, this is a motion to deny based on the 8 superintendent's recommendation. 9 MS. GRAY: Thank you, Mr. Porter for the This is a motion for denial. 10 clarification. Again, 11 I have a motion by Member Washington. Yeah. 12 second by Member Vaughn. Please vote when your 13 lights are on. I apologize. Mr. Davis, Superintendent Davis? 14 15 I'm sorry. One thing I will MR. DAVIS: 16 say, Acceleration Academy, while they are not a 17 charter school, they really do some good work 18 throughout the State of Florida and throughout the 19 nation being able to address students that may have dropped out for some other reason. So there may be 20 21 conversations about what they can do to help us and 22 to help the community where we may have students 23 that are 21, 22 years of age that not have fulfilled 24 their obligations for a high school diploma and it

may be a potential partnership that we look in. And



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that's their -- really, openly, their wheelhouse
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     versus being a charter school.
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               MS. GRAY: Thank you. Would there be any
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     other discussion at this point in time? Seeing
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     none. Please vote when your lights are on. "Yes"
     is to deny it actually. That's a very good point.
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     Yes is to deny it. Opposites. And the motion is
     unanimous. Thank you, Board.
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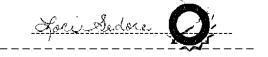
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