Convening and Conducting an Electronic Meeting of the State Charter School Board without an Anchor Location UCA 52-4-207(4)

(to be included in the public notice for the meeting and to be read at the beginning of the meeting)

I, Delanai Tonks, Chair of the State Charter School Board, hereby determine that conducting the State Charter School Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 at its anchor location in Salt Lake City presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location, and therefore the State Charter School Board will be conducted electronically without an anchor location.

This determination is based on the following facts:

1. Utah is currently dealing with Covid 19, which has been determined to be a pandemic. Covid 19 is extremely contagious and can be deadly to those who contract it, especially high risk individuals.

2. The offices of the State Charter School Board are located in Salt Lake City, which is currently in the moderate risk phase (orange) of the State of Utah's color-coded health guidance system. This moderate risk phase designation limits the size of public gatherings to fewer than 20 people and requires the wearing of masks and social distancing as well as encourages people to stay in their homes, and telework when possible.

3.   A majority of the State Charter School Board staff and the members of the Board are teleworking to avoid unnecessary contact with others.

4. The board room of the State Charter School Board is not only insufficient to allow for the required social distancing and the reasonably safe accommodation of the Board and the public, but it is also located in an office building that is temporarily closed to employees and the public due to COVID-19.

5. The State Charter School Board uses an electronic platform which allows interested parties to view the meeting, hear discussions and provide written comment.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2020.

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Delania Tonks,
Chair, State Charter School Board