

LATIN SCHOOLS OF
AMERICA, LLC,

Appellants

v.

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR 18-10

ORDER

The Latin Schools of America, LLC (Latin Schools) appealed the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners' (local board) denial of their charter school application. One basis for that appeal is the unfairness of the charter school review and approval process. In a decision issued on October 23, 2018, we addressed in some detail the charter school review and approval process that is in place in Baltimore City Schools. *See The DaVinci Collaborative, LTD v. Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners*, MSBE Op. No. 18-34. In that case, this Board determined that that process was unfair in any number of ways such that it resulted in an arbitrary and unreasonable decision.

That very same process was employed in the review of the Latin Schools application. We apply the same reasoning here as we did in the *DaVinci* appeal. In that case, we reversed the local board's denial and remanded the case to the local board to provide an opportunity to the charter school to cure the deficiencies the local board identified in its decision to deny the application. We order the same result here.

Therefore, on this 4th day of December, 2018, the decision of the local board is reversed and this case is remanded to allow Latin Schools to cure the deficiencies identified in the local board's decision in this matter. It is so Ordered.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signature on File:

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President