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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:** Marlies Burns, Executive Director

**DATE:** April 14-15, 2016

**ACTION:** Amendment Request for Utah Military Academy

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**Background:** Utah Military Academy (UMA) was approved to open with two campuses in 2014 (Hill Field) and 2015 (Camp Williams) serving 360 students in grades 7-12 at each campus (720 students total). UMA opened the Hill Field campus in fall 2014 serving 328 students in grades 7-12. In 2015, the governing board requested to postpone opening the Camp Williams campus until fall 2016 and, due to high demand, use some of the enrollment originally allocated to Camp Williams campus for the Hill Field campus. This was approved. Initial student outcome data is available on the USOE [Data Gateway](#).

The governing board requests to postpone opening the Camp Williams campus until fall 2017 and increase its enrollment to serve 600 students at each campus (1,200 student's total).

The full charter amendment request can be found at <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2016-Board-Meetings/March-2016.aspx>

**Board Strategic Plan:** This item supports the following imperative(s) and strategies in the Board's Strategic Plan:

Imperatives: Educational Equity; Quality Learning; System Values

Strategies: Accountability—provide a transparent public educational system using evidence-based data that informs the public on the effectiveness of public education; Educational Options—empower stakeholders with information to decide how, what, and where students are taught.

**Anticipated Action:** The Law and Licensing Committee will consider approving this amendment as outlined in the documentation. If approved by the Committee, the Board will consider approving the amendment.

**Contact:** Marlies Burns, 801-538-7817

# AMENDMENT

## Utah State Board of Education Charter School Board Executive Summary Report

The Utah State Charter School Board (SCSB) is charged with authorizing, monitoring, evaluating, and dismissing charters of public schools in Utah. Its work is under the direct supervision of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) per Utah Code 53A-1a-501.5.

This summary report shall be completed by the SCSB and submitted to Brad C. Smith, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education, two weeks ahead of the regularly scheduled USBE meetings for approval and inclusion in the board's agenda materials. Only that which is in writing, and included in the agenda materials, as ratified for recommendation by the SCSB, shall be considered by the USBE in its final approval process. Attachments, by way of clarification, or elaboration, may be included.

1. Charter School Utah Military Academy

2. Website [www.utahmilitaryacademy.org](http://www.utahmilitaryacademy.org)

Board Chair: John G. 'Chuck' Williams Email [chuckhole@earthlink.net](mailto:chuckhole@earthlink.net)

School Administrator: Matt Throckmorton Email [matt@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:matt@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

3. The Charter school is located in which school district? Weber and Alpine/Jordan

4. Requested amendment to charter (summary – full report can be found on State Charter School Board website at: <http://schools.utah.gov/charterschools/State-Charter-School-Board/2016-Board-Meetings/March-2016.aspx>)

Utah Military Academy requests to postpone opening the Camp Williams campus until fall 2017 and increase enrollment at this campus to 600 students. This requires a Waiver from R277-482-8(C) which requires the governing board to secure a building site for the satellite school within 24 months of ratification of approval by the Utah State Board of Education.

5. Charter school mission and purpose(s):

The Utah Military Academy will prepare cadets as leaders to thrive in any competitive environment upon graduation with a focus on entrance into the military academies, ROTC scholarship programs in colleges and universities, and other technically challenging opportunities related to the military culture. All of which result in maximizing their potential throughout life.

6. Charter school student demographics (data):

- 456 students in grades 7 – 12
- 25.4% ethnic/racial minority
- 21.7% students are economically disadvantaged
- 0.0% students are learning English
- 17.8% students with disabilities

Weber School District student demographics (data):

- 31,184 students in grades K – 12
- 17.7% ethnic/racial minority
- 31.4% students are economically disadvantaged
- 2.7% students learning English
- 12.5% students with disabilities

7. What is the position of the local district regarding the amendment request? Who was the contact at the local district? (Attachment of letters, if necessary)

The school submitted the entire amendment request to Superintendent Stephens, Weber School District, Superintendent Jarman, Alpine School District, and Superintendent Johnson, Jordan School District, on February 8, 2016. No concerns or comments from any of these districts have been received to date.

8. Please provide a summary of the Utah State Charter School Board discussion pertaining to this amendment request, including points it would like the Utah State Board of Education to consider when making the decision to approve the amendment.

The governing board wants to open the Camp Williams campus on solid footing and needed more time to accomplish that task. As such, the State Charter School Board approved postponing the Camp Williams campus and increasing the enrollment at that location to 600 students contingent upon the successful execution of a signed Charter Agreement prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

9. Votes of the SCSB in approving the charter school application:

(Listing of charter board members' vote)

DeLaina Tonks, Tim Beagley	
Kristin Elinkowski, Bruce Davis	
<u>Howard Headlee, Dean Brockbank</u>	Recommended full approval
<u>Robb Enger</u>	Not present for vote