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## **State Charter School Board Recommends Revoking School's Charter**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Charter School Board voted 6-0 today to recommend revoking Beehive Science & Technology Academy's charter at the end of the school year.

This marks the first time the State Charter School Board has voted to recommend revoking the charter of an operational school. Beehive has the right to appeal the recommendation.

The decision to recommend revoking the charter based on failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management and other compliance issues came at the end of a State Charter School Board meeting on the school. Board members pointed to problems with financial sustainability of the school under terms of the lease it was using for its building at 1011 Murray-Holiday Road in Salt Lake County. Board members said they believed the charter would need to enroll more students to become sustainable, but has been unable increase enrollment because of the nature of the school building.

Beehive Science & Technology Academy is a grade 7-12 charter school that opened in August 2005. Enrollment was listed at 199 students at the beginning of the current

school year. The school made adequate yearly progress under terms of the No Child Left Behind Act for the 2008-09 school year and met the requirements for the Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS) for the same time frame.

An appeal of the State Charter School Board's decision would ultimately be heard by the Utah State Board of Education. The State Board next meets on May 7, but it is unlikely that any appeal would be heard that quickly. The Utah State Charter School Board will offer information to Beehive parents and students on other school options for the 2010-11 school year should the school close.