

November 5, 2014

William Green, Chairman
School Reform Commission
School District of Philadelphia
440 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Dear Chairman Green:

Members of the Alliance for Philadelphia Public Schools have filed a Writ of Summons in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in order to preserve our right to file a complaint regarding the actions of the School Reform Commission in its October 6 meeting. That complaint would state that the proceedings of the School Reform Commission on October 6 were in clear violation of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

We are requesting that you reread the accepted minutes of the October 6 meeting which document that no member of the public was permitted to speak on the resolution before it was approved by the members of the SRC.

At the subsequent SRC meeting of October 16, I asked the commission, as part of my testimony, to rescind the vote of October 6, as it clearly violated the Sunshine Act. Without consulting with the other members of the Commission, you replied that the SRC would not rescind that vote.

Public engagement is not only a substantive issue, it is legally mandated by the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. We ask that you review that law and the minutes of the October 6 meeting. We believe that you will arrive at the same conclusion that we have: that the SRC did indeed violate the provisions of the Act.

Our hope is that you and the other members of the Commission will decide to meet with us and come to an agreement about how to rectify this matter and ensure that the Sunshine Act will not be violated in future SRC meetings.

Sincerely,

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