# Alexis Rainbow

**Procedural History Related to the Most Recent Non-Compliance**

**November 13**, **2014** The RAO (Regional Accreditation Officer) conducted an FQSR audit and the RAO found that Alexis Rainbow was counting kids that were not enrolled in the charter, thus obtaining funding for students not attending the school. The RAO discovered that Ms. Rainbow had additionally neglected to include students in the October 1st student count. It was during this site visit that the RAO discovered that Charter School had failed to pay invoices/monies owed to the contracted food vendor from the previous year.

**December 10,2014** An onsite audit resulted in identifying missing documents/reports required of the Charter School. This included failure of the Charter School to create and submit to the OSDE a Gifted Plan and “Child Find” procedures, required by state and federal law, respectively. The audit identified additional areas of non-compliance, including the Charter School’s failure to comply with state reporting regulations, failure to pay numerous invoices, and related concerns with child nutrition records. [After following up with the Child Nutrition Office, it was discovered that CNS staff made eight visits to Alexis Rainbow in an attempt to assist her in filling out the paperwork that was still incorrect/not submitted. Department staff required immediate submission of these outstanding documents. Ms. Rainbow indicated that she had the reports, but needed a day or so to locate the documents.

**December 11, 2014** Alexis Rainbow provided part of the documents and asked for additional time, until Monday, December 15th to submit the documentation.

**December 12, 2014** Jay Jenkins, the Charter School’s CPA notified the Department that he is /has been acting as both the School’s encumbrance clerk and treasurer. Mr. Jenkins admitted that he is not covered by a bond, which is required by law. He also advised the Department that he is concluding all professional contracts/business with Alexis Rainbow once he completes the School’s W-2’s in January. The Department continues to identify reports that the Charter School has failed to submit to the OSDE.

On this date, Ms. Rainbow visits the Department with her Marketing Manager, unannounced, to request an additional extension on providing the Department with the requested information. Ms. Rainbow requested until December 19, 2014, to produce the records. Ms. Rainbow was informed that all records must be submitted to the OSDE no later than December 15, 2014. Dr. Birney informed Ms. Rainbow that the issues of non-compliance may be submitted to the SBE at the Board’s regular meeting on December 18, 2014.

**December 15, 2014** Ms. Rainbow contacted Dr. Larry Birney and advised him that she was on her way to the Department to deliver the requested documents. Staff gathered for the visit, but Ms. Rainbow did not arrive until 4:50. (Staff had already left.) Ms. Rainbow provided Dr. Birney with four documents, but did not submit all of the required information to the SDE. Dr. Birney informed Ms. Rainbow that the SDE still had not received financial information from her CPA.

**December 17, 2014** RAO Kaye Jones informs Ms. Rainbow in person that the there is an item on the Board’s agenda to consider the Charter School’s non-compliance. Ms. Jones informs Ms. Rainbow that she does have the option to attend the meeting.

**December 18, 2014** The Department received e-mail correspondence from a parent whose child is enrolled in the Charter School. The complaint identified the following information: Intimidation of teachers by Alexis Rainbow; teachers asking parents to donate money; poor supervision of students; parents being asked by School staff for money to pay the School’s electric bill; other miscellaneous complaints.

On this same day, the SBE votes to withhold state funds until the Charter School comes into compliance and submits all identified reports.

**December 19, 2014** OSDE receives a complaint from a parent whose child is enrolled in the Charter School that the school is not serving breakfast to students

**December 30, 2014** The Charter School submits the Comprehensive Academic Plan. The plan was returned to the district due to the inadequate information provided. The Department identifies an additional report, the Targeted Assistance Plan, that has not been completed by the School.

**January 9, 2015** Nancy Hughes, Shellie Gammill, and Larry Birney interview Jay Jenkins, the Charter School’s CPA. Mr. Jenkins states that he has no knowledge of the Charter School establishing an “Activity fund”, but he has documents showing that checks have been ordered and used to pay for invoices through with General Fund money. Mr. Jenkins states that the Charter School has not documented money received from parents of students enrolled in the Charter School.

**January 15, 2015** SDE Staff conduct an interview with another parent desiring to file complaints against the Charter School. The parent confirmed that parents are frequently asked for money to pay for the School’s electric bills, and that failure of the parents to send money often result in the student receiving an “F” in Participation. The parent provided additional examples of the school requesting money for field trips that never occurred. The parent provided an additional example of the School requiring each student to purchase a violin. Students received an “F” in participation for failure to purchase a violin. Following the purchase of the violin, the school never provided instruction in music on the violin.

**January 22, 2015** Timmie Spangler, SDE staff responsible for reviewing/approved Gifted Plans, attempts to verify the students that have been identified by Alexis Rainbow as being “gifted and talented.” Ms. Rainbow stated that she was too busy, and requested that Ms. Spangler return to the school on January 25th. Ms. Spangler informs Ms. Rainbow that there are still missing/incomplete sections in the School’s submitted Gifted Plan that need to be corrected and resubmitted.

**January 22, 2014** Letters are sent via certified mail from General Counsel Kim Richey notifying Ms. Rainbow, the President of Langston University, and the attorney for the Regents of Higher Education of the compliance concerns with the Charter School. The letter identifies all current information needed by the Department.