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CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION PROMOTES STARWICH, WELCOMES NYACHUBA

Starwich Named Director of New School Applications

The Charter School Commission proudly announces the selection of Krystal Starwich as the Director of New School Applications. Starwich comes to the Commission after having served as the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) Charter School Program Grant Coordinator. In this role she successfully built and implemented the Charter School Program and managed all grant-making and management activities.

Additionally, she served as an evaluator during the 2017-18 New Charter School Application cycle for both the Commission and Spokane Public Schools. She is thrilled to continue the work of the Commission, which has one of the most rigorous and well-regarded application processes in the country, to help realize its mission of authorizing only high-quality charter public schools. In addition, she is excited to spearhead new initiatives designed to help build knowledge and capacity in prospective applicants.

Prior to joining OSPI, she spent three years providing operations and student support at an independent school in Seattle. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration at Seattle University and her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at the University of Washington. Her non-profit professional experience includes legal advocacy, fund development, and program coordination.

She is passionate about youth civic engagement and has been a longtime volunteer and Board Member for the YMCA's Youth and Government program.

Nyachuba Named School Evaluation Analyst by Commission

Congratulations to Daniel Nyachuba, who was named to serve as the Washington Charter School Commission School Evaluation Analyst. Daniel will prepare school evaluation, accountability, legal, and compliance reports to identify critical issues for monitoring by Commission Staff. He will also partner with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commission contractors and external vendors. Additionally, Daniel will compile summaries of the reports for inclusion in evaluation and final renewal reports, as well as produce ad hoc data reports on school performance as required by the Commission.

Daniel joins the Commission from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where he headed the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment. At Wiley College, Daniel supported the fulfillment of the mission of the college. Concretely, Daniel identified information needs; collected, analyzed and interpreted and reported data and information internally and externally.

Daniel holds a Master of Arts degree in sociology from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya. He also is a CPA part II with the Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board. In his spare time, Daniel enjoys reading and spending time with his family.

About Washington State’s Charter School Commission

Washington State’s Charter School Commission was formed with the mission of creating a rigorous and comprehensive proposal process and to hold charters accountable to high standards of quality. The Commission is an independent state agency that exists to authorize and oversee high quality public charter schools throughout Washington with an emphasis on schools designed to expand opportunities for at-risk students, providing leadership and oversight that is consistent with national principles and standards of charter school authorizers and the provisions of Washington’s charter school law.

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