

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION FOR INDEPENDENT EDUCATION**

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Clerk: 

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF SMART HORIZONS INSTITUTE - PACE - #4498
FOR ANNUAL RENEWAL**

Date: JULY 14 2025

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE ANNUAL
RENEWAL WITH CONDITIONS**

COMES NOW the Commission for Independent Education (hereinafter "the Commission") with its Order of Conditional Approval of your application for Annual Renewal.

1. The Commission for Independent Education reviewed and considered your application at a duly-noticed public meeting held on May 30, 2025, in Orlando, Florida.

2. Based on the information provided, it is ORDERED that the Annual License is approved, which shall remain active and valid through January 30, 2026, upon the following contingencies being met:

a. Submission of updated documentation of at least eight continuing education contact hours of training related to their positions for the following or similar positions: school director, Florida director, or chief executive officer; chief education / academic officer or director of education or training; placement director; admissions director; and financial director, in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 6E-2.004(3)(e), F.A.C.

b. Submission of a financial review or audit for the institution in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant for the most recently completed fiscal period.

If the institution earned less than \$100,000 gross tuition revenue per the institution's fiscal year, the institution shall provide both a financial statement of the institution and of the controlling principals. The financial statement shall be compiled, reviewed, or audited by an independent certified public accountant. These statements must demonstrate sufficient resources to ensure appropriate institutional development. If the financial statement reflects a negative working capital or a net loss, then submit an explanation of the financial condition of the institution including a financial improvement plan or teach-out plan or form of surety guaranteeing that the resources are sufficient to protect the current students

c. Submission of a completed Form 604, Selected Financial Data, to accompany the financial statement presented to the Commission. The tuition revenue section of Form 604 shall be used to verify the amount of student protection fund fees due. The institution shall pay to the student protection fund an amount equal to .0005 times the tuition revenue, pursuant to paragraph 6E-2.004(6)d, F.A.C.

d. Submission of a graduation improvement plan.

These conditions must be met, and all information received at the Commission office, within ninety days of this clerked order.

3. The Commission delegates the authority to assess compliance with this order to the Executive Director and authorizes issuance of the Annual License when its Executive Director finds the Applicant has met the above listed conditions.

4. It is further ORDERED that the Smart Horizons Institute, Pace, make timely and sufficient application for renewal of the license by submitting a complete application, materials, and fees, or an extension thereof, no later than 120 days prior to

January 30, 2026.

5. It is further ORDERED that the institution file progress reports with the Commission for the September 2025 and January 2026 Commission meetings. The reports shall include information documenting the activities taken by the institution to improve the graduation rate per Rule 6E-2.004(10)(h), F.A.C.

This order becomes effective upon filing with the Commission for Independent Education.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 14 day of July 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiffany Hurst', is written over a horizontal line.

Tiffany Hurst, Executive Director

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

You may seek review of this Order, pursuant to Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a petition to the Executive Director of the Commission, Department of Education, 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400, within 21 days of receipt of this Order. Petitions may also be filed via fax to (850) 245-3233. **Petitions cannot be filed via electronic mail.**

If you dispute any material fact upon which the Commission's decision is based, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes; your petition must contain the information required by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, including a statement of the material facts which are in dispute. If you do not dispute any material fact, you may request a hearing before the Commission pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; your petition must include the information required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, you are hereby notified that mediation pursuant to that section is not available.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by certified mail to Ms. Tambri McKinney, Smart Horizons Institute, 5568 Woodbine Road, Unit F, Pace, FL 32571 this 14 day of July 2025.

Susan Hood