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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Patrick Gavin
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 4: Consent Agenda--NACSA Conference Attendees
DATE: August 26, 2016

Staff makes the following recommendations regarding prioritization of attendance at NACSA:

1. Per Authority policy, a non-quorum number of members (3 or less) may attend any conference.
2. Authority members and staff are expected to pursue professional development opportunities in the field of charter schools annually per policy.
3. To ensure that professional learning opportunities are distributed across the Authority membership:
 - a. New members receive first priority
 - b. Members who have not attended a conference in the past 12 months receive second priority
 - c. Members who have the longest gap in years of their attendance at NACSA receive third priority
 - d. A member may elect to downgrade his or her status to permit another member to attend.
4. Based on initial outreach to the three new members, only Member Guinasso is able to attend this year. He therefore receives first priority.
5. Member Luna has not attended any conference in the past 12 months. She therefore receives second priority. She also has the longest gap in her NACSA attendance.
6. Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Mackedon both attended the National Charter Schools Conference this summer; both Member Conaboy and Chair Johnson attended the NACSA conference last year. Since Member Conaboy is the member with the longest gap since attending any conference, she has third priority.
7. Chair Johnson has elected to downgrade his status. Moreover, Member Mackedon has the second largest gap in NACSA attendance (she last attended in 2014). Therefore, she receives fourth priority.
8. Chair Johnson receives fifth priority.
9. As Member Snow and Member Corbett are unable to attend, they will receive first preference to attend the National Charter Schools Conference or a regional charter school conference (e.g. Arizona, California) during FY'17.

I will contact Member Luna as soon as she has returned from Costa Rica to confirm her availability. If she is unable to attend, we will make arrangements for Vice Mackedon to attend in her stead. If either Member Conaboy or Vice Chair Mackedon cannot attend, we will arrange for Chair Johnson's attendance.

