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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Patrick J. Gavin  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item # 10—Discovery Receiver Update  
**DATE:** October 23 - 25, 2017

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**Background:**

At the January 27, 2017 meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority Board, the Authority Board received information regarding the 2015-2016 performance of Discovery Charter School. The Authority Board then directed staff to issue a written Notice pursuant to [NRS 388A.330\(1\)\(f\)](#) (“Notice of Intent”) based on the identification by the Department of Education of being in the bottom five percent of all elementary and middle schools during the 2015-2016 accountability year.. The Notice of Intent was issued pursuant to NRS 388A.330(2) on February 10, 2017.

At the April meeting, the Authority determined that one of two options should be pursued:

- The reconstitution of the governing body, effective June 23, 2016
- The installation of a receiver, effective June 23, 2016

Following the board meeting, the Agency, in conjunction with the school, undertook steps to collaboratively recruit either a new governing body or a new receiver and worked with the school and proposed receiver on a [joint petition for receivership](#) and accompanying [exhibit 1](#) and [exhibit 2](#) as well as a [proposed order appointing a receiver](#). Both documents were approved by Discovery’s Board meeting on June 22, 2017 and were approved by the Authority at the June 23, 2017 meeting. The Agency, in cooperation with the Governing Body of Discovery Charter School, petitioned the court for the appointment of John Haynal as Receiver of Discovery Charter School on June 30, 2017. That appointment was approved by the court in an [order](#) filed on July 7, 2017.

The Authority received its first update from representatives sent by the receiver at the August meeting. Representatives will be providing the receiver’s second update today.