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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Patrick J. Gavin  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item # 4—Executive Director Nomination  
**DATE:** October 10, 2017

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**Background:**

On June 9, 2017, Governor Sandoval signed into law [Assembly Bill 49 \(AB49\)](#).

Among other changes to charter school policy, AB49 changed the mechanism for the appointment of the Executive Director.

Previous law provided that the Executive Director was an official appointed by the Authority Board who served for a three year term. There was no provision for the removal or dismissal of the Executive Director. Under Section 16 of AB49, the Legislature changed this mechanism by amending NRS 388A.190 (currently uncodified) to provide that the Executive Director is appointed by the Governor from a list of three names provided by the Authority Board. The law also now provides that the Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The position remains in the state's unclassified service. Under this new structure, the process for appointment and the appointing authority for the Executive Director position is now identical to that of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Authority appointed the current Executive Director for the remainder of former Director Canavero's term in the summer of 2014. The Authority then appointed the current Executive Director for a new three year term following the expiration of that first term. The current term for the Executive Director expires in September. Pursuant to Section 16 of AB49, the Authority is required to submit a list of three names to the Governor for consideration.