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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on May 31, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the following locations:

Nevada Department of Education *and*  
700 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Board Room  
Carson City, Nevada

**Nevada Department of Education  
2080 East Flamingo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Suite 210  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

**PLEASE NOTE THE ADDRESS FOR THE LAS VEGAS LOCATION**

This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020.

Members of the public are invited to attend at either location. Members of the Public may also view the meeting online via the Link at the SPCSA Public Notice Web Page

Participation from either location via videoconferencing is also available to members of the public.

Please note the following:

Time for public comment is provided at the beginning and at the conclusion of the meeting. Individuals wishing to provide public comment should fill out a Visitor Card, which will be numbered in order received by the Authority Assistant. Time limit: A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Authority Chair, will be imposed on public comments in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Authority. Public comment cannot be restricted based on viewpoint.

The Authority reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration.

Board Members and Staff of the Authority may participate via telephone conference call.

The Authority is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Authority, in writing, at 1749 North Stewart Street Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706; via email at [dpeltier@spsca.nv.gov](mailto:dpeltier@spsca.nv.gov); or call 775-687-9178.

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Comment #1.  
*Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. See NRS 241.020. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Authority Chair may allow additional public comment at his discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter not on the agenda.*
3. Approval of the April 19, 2019 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the April 19, 2019 Authority Board meeting. Jason Guinasso, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***
4. Focus on Schools: Democracy Preparatory Academy at Agassi Campus (middle school). Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***
5. Discovery Charter School Quarterly Update. SPCSA Staff and Receiver, John Haynal, will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding the receivership at Discovery Charter School as well as the Receiver's plan to wind-up the receivership and reconstitute Discovery's governing body. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***For Possible Action.***
6. Argent Preparatory Academy Quarterly Update. Staff and Receiver, Josh Kern, will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding the receivership at Argent Preparatory Academy. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***For Possible Action.***
7. Quest Academy Quarterly Update. Staff and Receiver, Josh Kern, will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding the receivership at Quest Academy as well as the Receiver's plan to wind-up the receivership and reconstitute Quest's governing body. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***For Possible Action.***
8. Nevada Connections Academy Quarterly Update. Staff and school leadership will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding Nevada Connections Academy's High School. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***
9. Nevada Virtual Academy.
  - a. Elementary School – Pursuant to the stipulated agreement between the SPCSA and Nevada Virtual Academy, school leadership will provide the SPCSA Board with its quarterly update and information related to progress toward the closure of NVA's elementary school at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. ***Information/Discussion.***
  - b. Middle and High School – SPCSA staff and school leadership will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding Nevada Virtual Academy's renewed charter school contract related to its middle and high schools, and any potential litigation related to NVA's renewed charter school contract. ***For Possible Action.***

10. SPCSA Staff Reports. SPCSA Staff will provide the Authority Board with updates regarding the following:
- a. Executive Director Report
    - o 2019 Governor-Designated STEM Schools
      - Three of the ten schools named as the Governor’s STEM Schools were SPCSA-sponsored schools: Oasis Academy, Pinecrest Academy Cadence, and Pinecrest Academy St. Rose.
    - o US News and World Report – Best High Schools 2019
      - Coral Academy was ranked #7 in the state of Nevada and #855 Nationally. Coral Academy Las Vegas and Coral Academy Reno were the only two charter schools ranked in the top ten in Nevada.
    - o SPCSA-sponsored charter school governing boards and school leadership focus groups.
    - o SPCSA Budget update
  - b. Authorizing Team
    - o Update regarding new school applications and amendment requests for existing schools.
    - o 2019 Renewal Preview
      - Schools up for renewal: American Preparatory Academy, Beacon Academy of Nevada, Founders Academy, Leadership Academy, Mater Academy of Nevada, Nevada Connections Academy, and Quest Preparatory Academy
    - o Site Evaluation Update
    - o SPCSA Performance Framework Update.
  - c. School Support Team
    - o Data Collection
    - o School Visits
    - o Charter School Safety Committee
    - o General School Support
  - d. Finance and Operations Team
    - o Las Vegas Office Move
  - e. Legal
    - o Open Meeting Law Complaints Update: Staff will update the Authority Board regarding the Open Meeting Law complaints against SPCSA-sponsored schools.

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Brian Scroggins, Deputy Director; Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing; Jennifer Bauer, Director of Finance and Operations; Ryan Herrick, General Counsel.  
***Information/Discussion.***

11. Legislative Update. SPCSA staff will provide an update regarding the 2019 Legislative Session including an overview of the Governor’s Recommended Budget. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding the following charter school bills:

- Assembly Bill 78 – SPCSA’s bill, making various changes to NRS 388A and 388B.
- Senate Bill 321 – Abolishes the Achievement School District and facilitates transfer of existing ASD schools to the SPCSA.
- Senate Bill 451 – Allows for variable-length renewed charter school contracts.
- Senate Bill 441 – Provides for separate regulation of online public charter schools.
- Assembly Bill 462 – Requires the SPCSA to take certain actions.

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***

12. Assembly Bill 462 Implementation Update. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority Board with information related to both the Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment and Growth Management Plan mandated by Assembly Bill 462.

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion***

13. Long-Range Board Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its long-range calendar. Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion***.

14. Public Comment #2.

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15. Adjournment.

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the meeting locations, or by contacting Danny Peltier, Board Secretary, 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706; or by phone at (775) 687-9178.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public notice and agenda has been posted at the following locations, on or before May 24, 2019, and is also available at the State Public Charter School Authority's website at <http://charterschools.nv.gov/> and the State of Nevada's official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>:

The principal office of the State Public Charter School Authority, located at 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706;

The State Public Charter School Authority, 2080 East Flamingo, First Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119;

State of Nevada, Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701;

State of Nevada, Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119;

Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701;

Carson City Library, 900 North Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

**DECLARATION OF POSTING**

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

That on or before May 24, 2019, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced locations, and websites.



Danny Peltier  
State Public Charter School Authority