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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Discovery Charter School Quarterly Update
DATE: July 26, 2019

Summary of Request:

Discovery Charter School, which has been in Receivership since 2017 under Mr. John Haynal, has brought forth the names of the following individuals to formally reconstitute the Discovery Charter School Board:

- Carrie Buck
- Jeremiah Carroll
- Sterling Peterson
- Nick Petsas
- Heather Stinnett

SPCSA staff has reviewed the qualifications of each of these individuals, and has also conducted interviews with each candidate. All candidates have shown a willingness to serve on Discovery Charter School's governing board. At this time, SPCSA staff is confident that the proposed names fulfill the requirements of [NRS 388A.320](#).

Recommendation: *Reconstitute the Discovery Charter School Board, with conditions, and terminate the Receivership.*

Discovery Charter School has demonstrated strong academic performance under the Receiver, earning a 3 and 4-star ratings for its elementary school campuses and 4 and 5-star ratings at its middle school campuses for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Both SPCSA staff and the Receiver believe that the NSPF ratings for the 2018 – 2019 school year will also be favorable towards the school.

In the last two months, the Receiver has identified a new lead site administrator, Ms. Tricia Wilbourne. The school also expects to fill its lone staff vacancy before the end of the month, meaning that the school will be fully staffed at both campuses heading into the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Given that the Receiver has identified five qualified candidates, and each candidate has been vetted by SPCSA staff, it is recommended that the Authority approve the appointment of each of the individuals listed above.

Additionally, if the Board is reconstituted, SPCSA staff recommends that the following conditions be attached to help ensure a smooth transition:

- The new Discovery Charter School Board maintain quarterly reports to the Authority through at least the end of the 2019 calendar year; and
- The new Discovery Board and SPSCA staff schedule regular check-ins through the end of the 2019 calendar year.