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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on July 24, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directives related to COVID-19 and Nevada's Open Meeting Law, the State Public Charter School Authority's Board meeting will be held virtually. Please see information below regarding viewing the SPCSA's Board meeting online, as well as submitting any public comment.

This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020, as well as the above-referenced Emergency Directives.

Members of the public may view the meeting online via the link on the SPCSA Public Notice web page: http://charterschools.nv.gov/News/Public_Notices/.

Public Comment: Time for public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting before any items on which action may be taken are heard by the public body and again before the adjournment of the meeting. *See* NRS 241.020(2)(d)(3)(I). 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.

Public comment may be submitted in writing at publiccomment@spcsa.nv.gov, and any such public comment received prior to the meeting will be provided to the Authority and included in the written minutes of the meeting. Alternatively, public comment can be provided telephonically during the SPCSA's Board meeting by utilizing the following conference call line: 1-312-584-2401; extension 3952176#.

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.

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@spcsa.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 her discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter not on the agenda.
- 3) Approval of June 26, 2020 Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the June 26, 2020 Authority Board meeting.
Melissa Mackedon, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***
- 4) SPCSA Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Feiden and Director Modrcin will provide the Authority with information and updates regarding the following:
 - a. Response to COVID-19 pandemic and the reopening of schools
 - b. Summer cycle for new charter school applications
 - c. Approved expansions for the Fall of 2020
 - d. Site Evaluation Process and Improvements for the 2020-21 school year
 - e. 31st (2020) Special Session of the Nevada LegislatureRebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 5) Updates on approved new charter schools for Fall 2020. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide updates regarding new charter schools approved to open in the Fall of 2020. The Authority may approve or deny requested amendment(s) to the charter contracts of the following schools:
 - a. Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada
 - b. Girls Athletic Leadership School
 - c. Explore AcademyMark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***For Possible Action.***
- 6) American Preparatory Academy – Las Vegas. American Preparatory Academy – Las Vegas (APA-LV) will provide an update to the Authority regarding APA-LV's recent nonrenewal of APA-LV's agreement with its Educational Management Organization and progress on the schools second campus scheduled to open in the fall of 2020. The Authority may approve or deny requested amendment(s) to the APA-LV charter contract.
Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***For Possible Action.***
- 7) Schools Under Receivership or Previously Under Receivership.
 - a. Argent Preparatory Academy Update. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding the receivership at Argent Preparatory Academy.
 - b. Quest Academy Update. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding Quest Academy and their transition from receivership to a fully constituted board.Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 8) Nevada Connections Academy. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide an update regarding Nevada Connections Academy and the progress related to the 3-year charter school contract for their high school that commenced on July 1, 2020.
Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 9) Growth Management Plan and Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment Update. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority Board with information related to the process for future updates to the Growth Management Plan and Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment.

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

- 10) Discussion on Serving All Students Equitably. SPCSA staff and the Authority will discuss actions that the SPCSA can take to support schools in their efforts to serve all students equitably and uphold the SPCSA's values of equity and diversity.

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***For Possible Action.***

- 11) Overview of Charter School Renewal Process. The Authority will hear an overview from SPCSA staff regarding the Charter School Renewal Process.

Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***

- 12) Nevada Virtual Academy. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with information and SPCSA staffs' recommendation regarding resolution of Nevada Virtual Academy v. Nevada State Public Charter School Authority (Case No. A-19-797195-W; Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County), including SPCSA staffs' recommendation regarding an amendment to Nevada Virtual Academy's current charter contract and dismissal of the above-referenced litigation.

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Ryan Herrick, General Counsel. ***For Possible Action.***

- 13) Long-Range Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its long-range calendar.

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

- 14) Public Comment #2.

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter not on the agenda. See NRS 241.020(d)(3). No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. 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 her discretion.

- 15) Adjournment.

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the State Public Charter School Authority's website, <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>, 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 Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directives regarding COVID-19 and Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before July 17, 2020 as follows:

At the State Public Charter School Authority's website, <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>, and

At the State of Nevada's official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>.

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 July 17, _____, 2020, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Peltier', is written over a horizontal line.

Danny Peltier
State Public Charter School Authority