



## NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Friday, August 25, 2023  
9:00AM

The State Public Charter School Authority board meeting was conducted in-person and virtually.

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:**

Member Sandra Kinne  
Member Victor Salcido  
Member Kurt Thigpen  
Member Lee Farris  
Member Tamika Shauntee Rosales  
Chair Tonia Holmes-Sutton

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

Member Maureen Schafer  
Member Jackson Olsen  
Vice Chair Cindi Rivera

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

#### **AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT IN-PERSON:**

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director  
Marinna Cutler, Director of School Support  
Jennifer King, Administrative Assistant IV

#### **AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

Ryan Herrick, General Counsel  
Michael Dang, Management Analyst IV  
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III  
Karen Gordon, Education Programs Professional  
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III  
Brandon Gayton, Education Programs Professional

#### **AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON:**

Brenda Congo	Taitianna Hogan
Veronica Prado	Nolan Lanz
Maria Angel	Argan Bramlett
Karen Ware	Carlos Williams
Gina Mecina	Layla Khaytata
Eric Clapeck	Jason Guerpo
Dr. Amy Schlessman	Alyssa Gould
Tamara Shear	Chris Amos
Sheryl Driscoll	Paul Bell
Aaron Ritter	Aaron Ritter
Eliza Ross	Alex Corbin
Jerry Pinky	Alyssa Arroyo
Princess Jackson	Jamee Bateau
Melody Rose	Antheya Camillo

#### **AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY:**

Michael Hills	Erin Phillips
Sandra Cosgrove	Kim Paris
Maureen Schafer	Sharon Szeman
Veronica Green	
Amy Trombetti	
Rodney Saunders	
Melissa Mackedon	
Nachum Golodner	
Tricia Wilbourne	
Karli Casto	
Jose Silva	
Frank Perez	
Jon Haskel	
Renisha O'Donnell	

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON (CONTINUED):**

Paige Jefferies  
Holly Silveston  
Josh Maine  
Rudy Pamintuan  
Shubham Pandey  
Whelan LaPica  
Kam Catarata

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance**

Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair, of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), called the meeting to order at 9:01am and facilitated the pledge of allegiance. Member Kinne and Member Salcido gave brief introductions.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1**

1. Michael Hills
2. Sandra Cosgrove
3. Maureen Schafer
4. Veronica Green
5. Amy Trombetti
6. Brenda Congo
7. Veronica Prado
8. Maria Angel
9. Karen Ware
10. Gina Mecina
11. Eric Clapeck
12. Dr. Amy Schlessman
13. Tamara Shear
14. Sheryl Driscoll
15. Aaron Ritter
16. Eliza Ross
17. Jerry Pinky
18. Princess Jackson
19. Melody Rose
20. Carlos Williams
21. Layla Khaytata
22. Jason Guerpo
23. Taitianna Hogan
24. Michael Hills
25. Nolan Lanz
26. Argan Bramlett

Ryan Herrick, General Counsel, stated that they received public comment that will be posted online with the supporting materials to this meeting.

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of July 28, 2023 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the July 28, 2023 Authority Board meeting.**

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to approve the July 28, 2023 Board Meeting Action Minutes. Member Salcido seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards**

Member Thigpen provided comment regarding standard 1 of the SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards: Focus on Student Growth, Achievement, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing. Member

Shauntee Rosales will provide comment around the SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards at the October meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – SPCSA Executive Director’s Report.**

**a. Star Ratings and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Ratings for the 2022-23 school year**

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director, provided the update regarding Star Ratings and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Ratings for the 2022-23 school year.

**Agenda Item 7 – Girls Empowerment Middle Schools.**

Jason Guinasso, alternative trustee of Girls Empowerment Middle School (GEMS) reported on the update regarding the closure of GEMS.

**Agenda Item 11 – New Charter School Applications.**

**e. Thrive Point Academy of Nevada**

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III, provided staff’s recommendation regarding Thrive Point Academy of Nevada’s charter application. Details of SPCSA staff’s recommendation can be found in the supporting materials. SPCSA staff’s recommendation is to deny the Thrive Point Academy of Nevada charter school application. There was further discussion between the Authority board members and the proposed school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to Deny the Thrive Point Academy of Nevada application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle based on a finding that the Applicant has failed to satisfy the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school. Designate SPCSA Staff to meet and confer with the Applicant. Member Salcido seconded the motion. Member Shauntee Rosales opposed the motion. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 8 – Charter School Contract Amendment Applications**

**a. Oasis Academy**

Mr. Peltier said Oasis Academy has submitted an amendment application requesting that the SPCSA grant a Good Cause Exemption request and approve the school to construct a new facility that will house high school students. This request will not affect the approved enrollment cap. SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption and approve the amendment request with conditions. There was brief discussion between the Authority board and the school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion Grant Oasis Academy a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request of the school to construct a new facility and occupy the new facility beginning in the 2024-25 school year with the following conditions:

- That by October 1, 2023, Oasis provide a final copy of construction/renovation schedule demonstrating that school will have a TCO or COO in place 30 days before the first day of school.
- That Oasis provides SPCSA staff with Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy demonstrating compliance with NRS 388A.360, which requires a school facility to be inspected at least 30 days prior to occupancy.
- That the school complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new schools and campuses for occupation of the facility.

Member Thigpen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The approved enrollment cap for Oasis Academy:

School Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
Enrollment	800	825	850	875	875	875	875	875	875

**b. PilotED – Cactus Park Elementary**

Mr. Peltier said PilotED – Cactus Park Elementary has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to reduce its approved enrollment cap from 432 students to 300 for 2023-2024 school year. SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption and approve the amendment request. There was brief discussion between the Authority board and the school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Thigpen made the motion to Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve pilotED Schools of Nevada – Cactus Park Elementary School’s request to reduce its 2023-2024 approved enrollment cap from 432 students to 300 students. Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The approved enrollment cap PilotED – Cactus Park Elementary:

School Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Grade Levels	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5	K-5
Enrollment Cap	300	459	486	486	486

**c. Rooted School – Clark County**

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, said Rooted School – Clark County (Rooted) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to relocate and occupy a new facility beginning in the 2024-25 school year. SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption and approve the amendment request. There was brief discussion between the Authority board and the school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Olsen made the motion to Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve Rooted School – Clark County’s request to relocate to 2401 E Tonopah, Las Vegas, NV 89030 with the following conditions:

- That Rooted provides SPCSA staff with Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy demonstrating compliance with NRS 388A.360, which requires a school facility to be inspected at least 30 days prior to occupancy;
- That the school complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new schools and campuses for occupation of the facility
- That the school demonstrate that all prior conditions have been met, specifically, the outstanding condition regarding approval of CTE and work-based learning programs.

Member Farris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved enrollment cap for Futuro Academy:

School Year	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Grade Levels	9-10	9-11	9-12	9-12	9-12
Enrollment Cap	180	270	360	360	360

**Agenda Item 9 – Financial Performance Review and Recommendations for the 2021-22 School Year.**

**a. 2021-22 SPCSA Financial Performance Framework Ratings**

- i. Doral Academy of Nevada**
- ii. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada**
- iii. Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada**

**b. Issue Notices of Concern**

- i. Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada**

Mike Dang, Manager of Organizational and Financial Performance, provided the overview of the Financial Performance Ratings for the final three schools Doral Academy of Nevada, Pinecrest Academy of Nevada, and

Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada. Mr. Dang provided the background and analysis of the final audits before providing staff's recommendation.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to adopt the Financial Performance Framework results presented for the schools listed in Appendix A for fiscal year 2022 for all indicators except the Enrollment Variance measure, which was not rated. Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to issue a Notice of Concern under the Financial Performance Framework to Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada, require the school to develop and submit a financial improvement plan, and require the school to provide quarterly updates regarding the implementation of the improvement plan. Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. Member Thigpen opposed the motion. The motion carried.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Transportation Plans and Charter School Contract Amendment Applications.**

#### **i. Sage Collegiate Public Charter School – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Executive Director noted that Democracy Prep has asked that their plan be pulled from the agenda as they are finalizing some details. Member Kinne recused herself from this agenda item. Executive Director Feiden provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Sage Collegiate's transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Sage Collegiate's transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to:

1. Approve the Sage Collegiate Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Approve the charter contract amendment request for Sage Collegiate to allow the school to provide student transportation.
3. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **a. Battle Born Academy – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Karen Gordon, Education Programs Professional, provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Battle Born Academy's transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Battle Born Academy's transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Thigpen made the motion to:

1. Approve the Battle Born Academy Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Approve the charter contract amendment request for Battle Born Academy to allow the school to provide student transportation.
3. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Member Farris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**b. Beacon Academy of Nevada – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Ms. Gordon provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Beacon Academy's transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Beacon Academy's transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Kinne made the motion to:

1. Approve the Beacon Academy of Nevada Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**h. PilotED Cactus Park Elementary School – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Ms. Gordon provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of PilotED Cactus Park Elementary School transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of PilotED Cactus Park Elementary School transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to:

1. Approve the PilotEd at Cactus Park Elementary Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Approve the charter contract amendment request for PilotED Cactus Park Elementary to allow the school to provide student transportation.
3. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**d. Discovery Charter School – Hillpointe Campus – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation [01:22:22]**

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III, provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Discovery Charter School's transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Discovery Charter School's transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Salcido made the motion to:

1. Approve the Discovery Charter School Hillpointe Campus Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Farris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**e. Discovery Charter School – Sandhill Campus – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Mr. Gawthrop-Hutchins provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Discovery Charter School's Sandhill Campus' transportation

plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Discovery Charter School's Sandhill Campus' transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Thigpen made the motion to:

1. Approve the Discovery Charter School Sandhill Campus Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**f. Mariposa Language and Learning Academy – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Mr. Gawthrop-Hutchins provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Mariposa Language and Learning Academy's transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Mariposa Language and Learning Academy's transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Kinne made the motion to:

1. Approve the Discovery Charter School Sandhill Campus Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students

Member Thigpen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**g. Nevada Prep Charter School – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation**

Mr. Gawthrop-Hutchins provided some background regarding the transportation plans before discussing the overview, staff's analysis, and recommendation of Nevada Prep's transportation plan. Further details can be found in the supporting materials. Staff recommend approval of Nevada Prep's transportation plan.

**Motion:** Member Olsen made the motion to:

1. Approve the NV Prep Transportation Plan, along with funding to implement the Plan and allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions as long as the total funding does not exceed the average per pupil cost in the local school district.
2. Require the school to provide SPCSA staff with documentation to demonstrate that the school is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations prior to beginning to transport students.

Member Salcido seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item 11 – New Charter School Applications**

**a. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence**

Member Kinne recused herself from this agenda item. Mr. Peltier provided SPCSA staff's recommendation regarding Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence charter application. Details of SPCSA staff's recommendation can be found in the supporting materials. Based on these ratings and the findings summarized within the SPCSA recommendation memo, the SPCSA staff's recommendation is to approve the Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence charter school application. There was further discussion between the Authority board members and the proposed school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to approve the Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle, with the conditions as permitted by NAC 388A.410 and as outlined

below, based on a finding that the Applicant has met the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the Applicant has demonstrated competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school.

1. By January 15, 2024, submit a fully executed lease for a facility that will meet the needs of the school for the 2024-25 school year;
2. Complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new charter schools. Pursuant to NAC 388A.410, all conditions set forth above must be met for the school to open for the 2024-25 school year.

Member Thigpen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **b. Mind Your Books**

Executive Director Feiden provided SPCSA staff's recommendation regarding Mind Your Books charter application. Details of SPCSA staff's recommendation can be found in the supporting materials. Based on these ratings and the findings summarized within the SPCSA recommendation memo, the SPCSA staff's recommendation is to deny the Mind Your Books charter school application. There was further discussion between the Authority board members and the proposed school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to deny the Mind Your Books Charter School application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle based on a finding that the Applicant has failed to satisfy the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school. Designate SPCSA Staff to meet and confer with the Applicant.

Member Thigpen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **d. Nevada Classical Academy**

Executive Director Feiden provided SPCSA staff's recommendation regarding Nevada Classical Academy's charter application. Details of SPCSA staff's recommendation can be found in the supporting materials. Based on these ratings and the findings summarized within the SPCSA recommendation memo, the SPCSA staff's recommendation is to deny the Nevada Classical Academy charter school application. There was further discussion between the Authority board members and the proposed school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to deny the Nevada Classical Academy Elko application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle based on a finding that the Applicant has failed to satisfy the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school. Designate SPCSA Staff to meet and confer with the Applicant.

Member Thigpen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **d. Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy**

Ms. Gordon provided SPCSA staff's recommendation regarding Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy charter application. Details of SPCSA staff's recommendation can be found in the supporting materials. Based on these ratings and the findings summarized within the SPCSA recommendation memo, the SPCSA staff's recommendation is to approve the Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy charter school application. There was further discussion between the Authority board members and the proposed school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Farris made the motion to approve the Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle, with the conditions as permitted by NAC 388A.410 and as outlined below, based on a finding that the Applicant has met the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the Applicant has demonstrated competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school.

1. By October 1, 2023 submit written plans for establishing the local board and handing off the charter to the local board.



2. By January 15, 2024 submit a fully executed lease for a facility that will meet the needs of the school for the 2024-25 school year located in one of the following zip codes: 89107, 89108, 89030, 89106, 89130, or 89084.
3. Provide an update regarding the academic, organizational, and financial performance of all other PTAA affiliated schools in September of each year through 2025.
4. By June 30, 2025 provide evidence of partnership with colleges or universities to offer dual credit programs in compliance with NRS 389.310.
5. Complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new charter schools.

Pursuant to NAC 388A.410, all conditions set forth above must be met for the school to open for the 2024-25 school year.

Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **f. Vegas Vista Academy**

Marinna Cutler, Director of School Support, provided SPCSA staff's recommendation regarding Vegas Vista Academy's charter application. Details of SPCSA staff's recommendation can be found in the supporting materials. Based on these ratings and the findings summarized within the SPCSA recommendation memo, the SPCSA staff's recommendation is to approve the Vegas Vista Academy charter school application. There was further discussion between the Authority board members and the proposed school representatives.

**Motion:** Member Shauntee Rosales made the motion to Approve the Vegas Vista Academy application as submitted during the 2023 Application Cycle, with the conditions as permitted by NAC 388A.410 and as outlined below, based on a finding that the Applicant has met the requirements contained in NRS 388A.249(3) in that the Applicant has demonstrated competence in accordance with the criteria for approval prescribed by the SPCSA that will likely result in a successful opening and operation of the charter school.

1. By December 1, 2023, submit a revised lottery policy that complies with Nevada's statutes and regulations to ensure that the school is open and accessible to all interested students.
2. By December 1, 2023, submit revised bylaws that comply with Nevada's statutes and regulations, along with a code of ethics.
3. By December 1, 2023, submit an additional budget scenario that includes additional staff or contracted services for special education.
4. By January 15, 2024, submit a fully executed lease for a facility that will meet the needs of the school for the 2024-25 school year.
5. Complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new charter schools.

Pursuant to NAC 388A.410, all conditions set forth above must be met for the school to open for the 2024-25 school year.

Member Farris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – SPCSA Executive Director Update.**

Member Thigpen and Member Salcido left the meeting. Executive Director Feiden reported that she recently submitted her resignation to Governor Lombardo and pursuant to NRS 388A.190, when the Executive Director of the SPCSA resigns, Governor Lombardo appoints a replacement from three names submitted by the SPCSA Board. She talked about the logistics in terms of the process.

#### **Agenda Item 12 – Long-Range Calendar.**

Executive Director Feiden walked through the long-range calendar.

#### **Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment #2.**

1. Melissa Mackedon

#### **Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27PM.

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Holly Silverstri	The Fernan Group / Thrivepoint	
JOSH MAIWA	MAYERS & FINDERS	THRIVEPOINT
STACEY WISE	DUBE Attorney	
Rudra Pamnathan	PTAA	PTAA Member
Shubhan Pady	PTAA	PTAA Member
Whelan Lalica	PTAA	PTAA Member
KARU CATANATA ☺	VVA	VVA

**State Public Charter School Authority  
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**Tamara Shear  
Chief Program Officer  
Opportunity 180  
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- I am Tamara Shear, Chief Program Officer of Opportunity 180. We are a nonprofit committed to increasing the number of high-quality schools in Nevada and since 2020, we have served as Nevada's State Entity for the Charter School Program SE Grant.
- Opportunity 180 funds only high-quality public charter school plans, and CSP subgrant determinations are made through a rigorous third-party peer review process, as well as a capacity interview with the school team and their board.
- In addition to our CSP work, we also provide philanthropic investments, partnership and support to high potential schools in articulating their plans to partner with our communities to meet the needs of kids.
- I'm here today to speak in support of Do and Be Arts Academy of Excellence, Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy, and Vegas Vista Academy.
- Opportunity 180 has deeply committed to working with these schools. Our team has been engaging with them over the past two to three years as they have developed their respective visions, missions, and plans to partner with kids and families in Clark County.
- They each have spent a great deal of time in the community building strong relationships with students, families, and potential partners, and will provide a model educational experience that doesn't otherwise exist here.
- We have met multiple times with all three school boards. They have demonstrated a genuine commitment to the school and the greater community. We know that schools with strong and supportive governing bodies, help to create the conditions necessary for great schools to grow and thrive for kids.
- Do and Be Arts Academy in Southern Nevada would be the first charter arts integration school launched in Clark County with the mission of providing historically underserved students with opportunities to attend a high quality performing arts and arts-integrated education.
- Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy will focus on empowering and engaging students to reach their full potential as global leaders. PTAA has provided high quality options for families in Texas and demonstrated their commitment to Southern Nevada



by engaging and working alongside Southern Nevada community partners over the last 3 plus years

- Vegas Vista Academy will offer families and students an educational experience that focuses on academic excellence, community service learning, bilingual fluency, and outdoor experiential education.
- All three schools have prioritized serving students in communities that don't have many high quality education options in their neighborhood, and have been developed in partnership with critical community partners and leaders.
- Furthermore, these schools are focused on college and career readiness, which will have myriad benefits for students and families, as well as our communities. These schools will help students prepare for the rigors of future workforce participation and ensure that students will graduate their schools ready to realize their full potential.
- These schools represent tremendous opportunities for mobility, success, and innovation within our education system, and Opportunity 180 stands in support of Do and Be Arts Academy of Excellence, Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy, and Vegas Vista Academy.
- We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the positive impact these schools would have on students, families, and Nevada's education system.

ID	Start time	Completion time	Email
1	8/25/23 8:46:22	8/25/23 8:47:30	anonymous
2	8/25/23 8:46:45	8/25/23 8:47:43	anonymous
3	8/25/23 12:37:34	8/25/23 12:46:14	anonymous

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	8/25/2023	Hector Gonzalez	ThrivePoint academy
	8/25/2023	Viridiana Garcia	ThrivePoint Academy of P
	8/25/2023	Stacey Wise	Do & Be Arts Academy of

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**Welcome... PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY** all information in full so that we may maintain accurate records.

Date 8/25/23

Name Brenda Long (Long)

Title Principal Taylor Academy

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Phone No. 760 885 2337

Representing Thrivepoint Taylor

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Date 8/25/23

Name Veronica Prado

Title Director of Enrollment / Lead School Counselor

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (702) 951-5501

Representing ThrivePoint

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Date 8/25/23

Name Maria Angel

Title Director of Engagement / Staff

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Apple Valley Ca 92307

Phone No. 760-780-9856

Representing Thrivepoint

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Date 8-25-23

Name Karen Ware

Title Parent

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Phone No. 760-577-5798

Representing Thrivepoint

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Name Gina Medina

Title LCC

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Representing Thrive Point

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Date 8/25/23  
Name ERIC CLAPECK  
Title Principal Three Point Arizona  
Address 12822 W. Valentine Ave  
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Representing Three Point  
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Name Dr. Anne Schlessman

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Representing Trije Point

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Name Tamara Shear

Title Chief Public officer

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Phone No. 951 640 7120

Representing Opportunity 180

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Name Sheryl Driscoll

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Name ARON RITTER

Title CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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Representing THRIVEPOINT

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Name Eliza Ross

Title Lead teacher

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Representing Thrive point

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Name Jerry Pinkney

Title Parent / Teacher

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Three Point Taylor

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Name Princess Jackson

Title SSC - Student Success Coach

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Taylor

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Name Melody Rose

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Representing TAYLOR / THRIVE

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Name Corros Williams

Title Student

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Thrive point / taylon

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Name LAYLA KHAYYATA

Title TAYLION ACADEMY STUDENT

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Representing THRIVE POINT & TAYLION

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Date Aug 25

Name Jason Guerro

Title Founder BTR BREAKIN

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Representing DBAE

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Date August 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

Name Taitianna Hagan

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Representing \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Nolan Lanz

Title student

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Phone No. n/a

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Name Aryam Bramblett

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Representing Thrive Pointe

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