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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on December 8, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the following location:

Nevada Department of Education
First Floor Board Room
2080 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Members of the public may also view the meeting online via the link on the SPCSA Public Notice web page: https://charterschools.nv.gov/News/Public_Notices/ or by using this link to access the Livestream directly: <https://bit.ly/SPCSABoardMeetingLivestream> (please note the link is case sensitive).

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

Public Comment: Time for public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting regarding any agenda items on which action may be taken by the public body and again before the adjournment of the meeting on any matter within the jurisdiction of the State Public Charter School Authority. See NRS 241.020(2)(d)(3)(I). In addition to these two (2) public comment periods, public comment may also be taken during specific agenda items as noted on the agenda or at the discretion of the Authority Chair.

Public comment may also be provided telephonically by utilizing the following conference call line: 1-312-584-2401; extension 3952176#.

Finally, public comment may also be submitted in writing via email at publiccomment@spsca.nv.gov, and any such public comment received prior to or during the meeting will be provided to the Authority and included in the written minutes of the meeting.

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 will not 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.

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 2080 E. Flamingo Rd, Ste 230, Las Vegas, NV 89119; via email at jennifer.king@spsca.nv.gov; via phone at 702-486-8895.

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 October 13, 2023 and November 3, 2023 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the October 13, 2023 and November 3, 2023 Authority Board meetings.
Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***
- 4) SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards. A member of the Authority will briefly discuss the Governance Standards recently adopted by the Authority pursuant to Assembly Bill 419 (2021).
Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 5) SPCSA Executive Director’s Report. Executive Director Mackedon will provide the Authority with information and updates regarding the following:
 - a. Executive Director update: transitioning into the role
 - b. Delinquent schools PERS contributions
 - c. New Charter Schools Pre-Opening Process
 - d. New Charter School Enrollment and Facility updateMelissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 6) Academic Performance Recommendations. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with recommendations regarding academic performance for the 2022-23 school year. Possible action includes issuing new Notices and taking no action.
 - a. Notices of Concern issued to 2-star schools on November 3, 2023. SPCSA staff recommends reconsideration of the Notices of Concern issued to the following schools at the November 3, 2023 meeting.
 - i. CIVICA Academy — elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard) and middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - ii. Nevada Virtual Charter School — middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - iii. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada — Virtual middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - b. No Action. SPCSA staff recommends no action be taken regarding specified underperforming schools currently in good standing.
 - i. Discovery Charter School — Hillpointe elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard) and middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - ii. Doral Academy of Nevada — Fire Mesa elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - iii. Equipo Academy — middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - iv. Learning Bridge Charter School — elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - v. Signature Preparatory Charter School — middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - vi. Young Women’s Leadership Academy of Las Vegas — middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)

- c. No Action. SPCSA staff recommends no action be taken regarding specified underperforming schools currently under notice.
 - i. Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas — Nellis Air Force Base elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - ii. Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus — elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - iii. Discovery Charter School — Sandhill elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - iv. Freedom Classical Academy — elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - v. Legacy Traditional School — North Valley elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard) and Cadence elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard) and middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
- d. Issuance of Notices of Concern for Academic Performance. SPCSA staff recommends Notices of Concern be issued to the specified charter schools due to the school receiving a 1-star NSPF rating and a Below or Does Not Meet Standard rating in the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. School presentations under this item will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each.
 - i. Nevada Rise Academy — elementary school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard)
 - ii. TEACH Las Vegas — elementary school (1-star and Below Standard) and middle school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard)

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director; Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Brandon Gaytán, Education Programs Professional. ***For Possible Action.***

- 7) TEACH Las Vegas. School representatives and Executive Director Mackedon will provide the Authority with an update regarding TEACH Las Vegas.
Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 8) Girls Empowerment Middle School (GEMS). School representatives and SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with an update regarding the closure of GEMS at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 9) Thrive Point Academy of Nevada Resubmitted New Charter School Application. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with the recommendation related to the resubmitted new charter school application from the 2023 Application Cycle, and the Authority may approve (or conditionally approve) or deny the Thrive Point Academy of Nevada resubmitted charter school application.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing, Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***
- 10) Charter School Contract Renewal Applications. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with SPCSA staff's recommendations related to charter school contract renewal applications, and the Authority may approve or deny the following charter school renewal applications:
 - a. Honors Academy of Literature
 - b. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada
 - c. Nevada Virtual Charter SchoolKatie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***
- 11) Charter Application and Rubric for 2024 Applications. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority Board with recommendations regarding revisions to the new charter school application and rubric.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing. ***For Possible Action.***
- 12) Four-Year Graduation Rates for the Class of 2022-23. SPCSA staff will provide information related to graduation rates for SPCSA-sponsored charter schools for the class of 2022-23.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Brandon Gaytán, Education Programs Professional. ***Information/Discussion.***

- 13) 2023-24 School Year Enrollment Data. SPCSA staff will provide information related to validated enrollment data for SPCSA-sponsored charter schools for the 2023-2024 school year.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Brandon Gaytán, Education Programs Professional.
Information/Discussion.
- 14) 2024 Demographic and Academic Needs Assessment. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding the 2024 Demographic and Academic Needs Assessment. The Authority Board will consider approval of the 2024 Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment pursuant to NRS 388A.220.
Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***For Possible Action.***
- 15) Overview of SPCSA Organizational Performance Framework. SPCSA staff will provide an overview of the SPCSA's Organizational Performance Framework.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing. Mike Dang, Finance and Organizational Manager.
Information/Discussion.
- 16) Overview of SPCSA Financial Performance Framework. SPCSA staff will provide an overview of the SPCSA's Financial Performance Framework.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Mike Dang, Finance and Organizational Manager.
Information/Discussion.
- 17) SPCSA Growth Management Plan. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with an update regarding revisions to the Growth Management Plan.
Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***For Possible Action.***
- 18) Long-Range Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its long-range calendar.
Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 19) 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.
- 20) 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 Jennifer King, Board Secretary, at 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 230, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119; via email at jennifer.king@spsca.nv.gov, or via phone at 702-486-8895.

In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before December 1, 2023 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/>.

At the following locations:

The State Public Charter School Authority, 2080 East Flamingo, First Floor Board Room and Suite 230, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119; and
The State Public Charter School Authority, located at 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

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 December 1, 2023, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.



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