

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

August 23, 2017

**Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson St.
Room 1014
Carson City, Nevada**

**Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington
Room 4412
Las Vegas Nevada**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Nora Luna
Jason Guinasso
Sheila Moulton

In Carson City:

Melissa Mackedon

Teleconference:

David Gardner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Corbett

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Brian Scroggins, Deputy Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Patrick Gavin, Director, State Public Charter School Authority

In Carson City:

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant III

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas

Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General
Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

In Carson City

None

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**In Las Vegas:**

None

In Carson City:

None

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; APPROVAL OF AGENDA**Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment**

Katrina Fowler spoke in favor of keeping Nevada Connection Academy open. Cherie Allison spoke in favor of Nevada Connection Academy. Danielle Balinski and Lilly Balinski talked about Nevada Connections Academy and how much they liked the school. Frank Malley talked about Nevada Connections and keeping the school open. Ceyenne Malley spoke in favor of Nevada Connections. Jesse Berry talked about Nevada Connection Academy open. Nasem Benjelloun spoke about Nevada Connection Academy open. Mary Ann Pochowski talked about how much they love the school. Glenn Raitt spoke about how they would like to keep Nevada Connection Academy open. Liv Gorton, Leila Gorton, Larissa Gorton, Rebecca Gorton spoke about keeping Nevada Connection Academy open. Lena Riella loves the school and wants it to remain open.

Agenda Item 2- Approval of the July 28th, 2017 Action Minutes

Member Corbett motioned to approve the minutes. Member Luna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3- Continuation of the May 25, 26, 27 Public Hearing to make a determination regarding whether to take action regarding the Notices sent to Nevada Connections Academy on September 30, 2016 and February 10, 2017. Pursuant to the Notice of Intent issued to Nevada Connections Academy on September 30, 2016 and the Notice pursuant to NRS 388A.330 issued on February 10, 2017 and in accordance with NRS 388A.330, the Board will consider whether the deficiencies included in the Notice of Intent and Notice pursuant to NRS 388A.330 have been corrected to the satisfaction of the Board. Possible Actions include a determination that the deficiencies have or have not been corrected to the satisfaction of the Board.

Laura Granier and Gregg Ott discussed notices sent to Nevada Connections Academy and whether or not deficiencies included the Notice of Intent.

Member Guinasso motioned that the Board find that the Authority has established by a preponderance of the evidence that for the 2015 and 2016 graduating cohort at Connections as calculated by the Nevada Department of Education graduation rate, that their graduation rate was less than 60 percent. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso motioned that the board conclude that the proposed cure presented by NCA is insufficient to correct the deficiencies and the graduation rates that we found for both 2015 and 2016. Member Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 - Set date for continuation of hearing to hear evidence and argument regarding whether to reconstitute the governing body, revoke the written charter or take no action if the Board finds in favor of the Authority in the matter considered under Agenda Item 3.

The board discussed dates for the next hearing. The dates will be October 23, 24 and 25 2017.

Member Guinasso moved for a flexible agenda. Member Luna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 9- Staffing Update

Director Gavin talked about 4 new positions that State Public Charter School Authority will be getting this fiscal year. Jennifer Bauer was introduced as the new ASOIII to State Public Charter School Authority. Jennifer talked about

Member Guinasso moved to move Agenda Item 5 to another meeting. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 - Update on Fall Charter Amendment Notices of Intent Submitted by Deadline Pursuant to R089-16A.

Danny Peltier discussed the fall charter amendment Notices of Intent.

Agenda 8 - Update on Discovery Receivership

Deniece Noharim the Assistant Principal for Discovery spoke about the schools receivership. Amanda Kettleton spoke in regards of the schools structure and how the kids and teachers are doing great.

Agenda Item 6 – Review and Discussion of Board Long-range Calendar

The regular meetings date will start at 9:00 am. On September 29, 2017, hearing on October 23, 24, 25, 2017 December 8, 2017, January 26, 2018, February 16, 2018, March 23, 2018 April 27, 2018, May 25, 2018, June 22, 2018, July 27, 2018, August 24, 2018 September 28, 2018, October 26, 2018 at the LCB Building in Carson City and Las Vegas.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:37 p.m.