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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board FROM: Patrick Gavin

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3B—Legacy Traditional School Request to Acquire Facility

DATE: October 21, 2016

Background:

Legacy Traditional School was approved by the Authority in the fall 2015 cycle. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2017.

While the school had initially sought to locate in Henderson, it was unable to identify an affordable property which local governments deemed suitable for a school. Consequently, the governing body expanded the search and has identified a location in North Las Vegas which the school has determined would meet its needs.

The school has submitted a technical amendment to acquire this location pursuant to <u>NAC 386.3265</u> and <u>NAC 386.3266</u>. Based on staff review, the request appears to comply with all applicable regulations and it is administratively complete.

Based on this new location, the school has also requested that the name of the school be amended to be Legacy Traditional School—North Valley.

Recommendation:

While the initial approval gave staff delegated authority to approve subsequent technical amendments, staff determined that Authority approval was desirable as the location change was significant enough that it merited board review and consideration.

Staff recommends that the Authority approve the technical amendment to acquire this location and grant staff delegated authority to approve any technical amendments necessary to approve final occupancy of the facility to satisfy the final –pre-opening requirements of <u>NAC 386.3265</u>.

With regard to the name change, it is important to note that the school has also submitted an amendment request to pursue a second campus pursuant to NAC 386.3265 and NAC 386.3266. That amendment will be reviewed at a later date and a recommendation will be provided to the Authority. Consequently, staff has some concern that the name change to North Valley may be more appropriate to a campus designation instead of a legal name change. It is important to note that the school has also taken advantage of its option under the law to incorporate as a Nevada non-profit and seek 501c3 designation. The name on file with the Secretary of State's office is Legacy Traditional Schools—Nevada, Inc. Consequently, staff requests delegated Authority to work with the school to review the name change and identify if this name change is appropriate or if a less location-specific name, e.g. Legacy Traditional Schools—Nevada, would be more appropriate name for the charter holding entity.