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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director  
Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 7: Recommendation for Beacon Academy of Nevada from the  
Final 2018 – 2019 Nevada School Performance Framework Results  
**DATE:** October 4, 2019

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As the Authority is aware, the Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results for the 2018 – 2019 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all data points are available.

As a reminder, the Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet academic standards (i.e. a NSPF rating of 3-stars). These levels are as follows:

- Notice of Concern
- Notice of Breach
- Notice of Intent to Terminate

The academic performance of Beacon Academy of Nevada for the last two school years is provided below.

<u>Beacon Academy of Nevada</u>	<u>2017 – 2018 Index Score</u>	<u>2017 – 2018 Star Rating</u>	<u>2018 – 2019 Index Score</u>	<u>2018 – 2019 Star Rating</u>
High School	15.5	1-star	10.56	1-star

It is important to note that Beacon Academy of Nevada falls under both the state's Alternative Performance Framework (APF) as well as its own, unique framework given the distinctive student population the school serves. Specifically, Beacon's charter contract stipulates that students are only eligible for enrollment if they are at least sixteen (16) years of age<sup>1</sup> and meet one of the following criteria:

- Are significantly credit-deficient;
- Are or have been suspended or expelled;
- Are a habitual discipline problem;
- Are under court jurisdiction or adjudicated to be in need of supervision;
- Have an IEP.

Staff firmly believes that both the APF and the results under the school-specific framework (which will be available in early 2020) provide a more accurate and detailed report of the school's progress.

Given these factors, SPCSA staff is recommending that the Authority take no action regarding Beacon Academy of Nevada at this time.

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<sup>1</sup> At the June 28, 2019 Board meeting, the Authority approved Beacon's request to serve only prospective students that were at least 16 years of age.