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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on December 13, 2019, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the following locations:

Nevada Department of Education	<i>and</i>	Nevada Department of Education
700 East 5 th Street		2080 East Flamingo
Board Room		1 st Floor Board Room
Carson City, Nevada		Las Vegas, Nevada

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

Members of the public are invited to attend at either location. Members of the public may also view the meeting online via the link on the SPCSA Public Notice web page: http://charterschools.nv.gov/News/2019/Public_Notices/. Participation from either location via videoconferencing is also available to members of the public.

Public Comment: Multiple periods of public comment will be provided. Time for public comment related to each agenda item is provided during each agenda item following any discussion by the Authority and before any action is taken (if any), as well as prior to adjournment of the meeting. NRS 241.020(2)(d)(3)(II). Individuals wishing to provide public comment should fill out a Visitor Card. 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 cannot be restricted based on viewpoint.

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

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. Board Members and Staff of the Authority may participate via telephone conference call.

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 1749 North Stewart Street Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706; via email at dpeltier@spsca.nv.gov; or call 775-687-9178.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the November 1, 2019 Authority Board meeting. Melissa Mackedon, Chair (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **For Possible Action.**
3. Shining Star Schools: Mater Academy of Northern Nevada. Nevada’s Department of Education has identified Mater Academy of Northern Nevada (Elementary and Middle Schools) as a Shining Star Schools, meaning that they are high-performing (4 or 5-star schools) and serving a high percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch (75% of students or greater). The Authority will hear a presentation from Mater Academy of Northern Nevada regarding its academic performance during the 2018-2019 school year. Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **Information/Discussion.**
4. ESEA Distinguished Schools. The Authority will receive information regarding SPCSA-sponsored public charter schools that have been identified as ESEA Distinguished Schools by the Nevada Department of Education. Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Gabrielle Lamarre, Title I Programs Director and Federal Liaison, Nevada Department of Education (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **Information/Discussion.**
5. SPCSA Strategic Plan and Growth Management Plan. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with a presentation and the Authority will approve, reject, or provide SPCSA staff with direction regarding the following:
 - a. SPCSA’s 2019 Strategic Plan
 - b. SPCSA’s 2019 Growth Management Plan
 Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **For Possible Action.**
6. Charter School Contract Amendment Applications. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with SPCSA staff’s recommendations related to charter school contract amendment applications, and the Authority may approve or deny the following charter school contract applicants:
 - a. Doral Academy of Nevada – facilities financing/acquisition
 - b. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – facilities financing/acquisition
 - c. Signature Preparatory – enrollment amendment
 - d. Mater Academy of Northern Nevada – enrollment amendment
 - e. Mater Academy of Nevada – addition of grade levels (proposing to add grades kindergarten through 12) at a proposed new campus, and facilities financing/acquisition (Bonanza campus)
 - f. Sports Leadership and Management Academy of Nevada – enrollment amendment, addition of grade levels (proposing to add kindergarten through fifth grades), and facilities financing/acquisition
 - g. Doral Academy of Northern Nevada – addition of distance education component, enrollment increase, facilities expansion, and addition of weighted enrollment lottery
 Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing; Mike Dang, Finance and Organizational Manager (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **For Possible Action.**
7. Discovery Charter School. Discovery Charter School will provide the Authority with a written report regarding the status of the school under its newly-reconstituted governing body. Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **Information/Discussion.**

8. Quest Preparatory Academy Receivership Update. Josh Kern, receiver for Quest Preparatory Academy, will provide the Authority with an update regarding the Quest Preparatory Academy receivership (note that Quest Preparatory Academy’s renewal application will be heard at the January 31, 2020 Authority Board meeting). Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Josh Kern, Receiver (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **For Possible Action.**
9. Argent Preparatory Academy Receivership Update. Josh Kern, receiver for Argent Preparatory Academy, will provide the Authority with an update. Josh Kern, Receiver (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **Information/Discussion.**
10. Nevada Connections Academy Charter School Contract Renewal Presentation. School representatives will provide the Authority with an informational presentation regarding the services it offers and the students it serves in advance of Nevada Connections Academy’s renewal application being heard at the January 31, 2020 Authority Board meeting. Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **Information/Discussion.**
11. SPCSA Executive Director’s Report. Executive Director Feiden will provide the Authority with updates regarding the following:
 - a. SPCSA’s 2019-2020 school year demographic information
 - b. SPCSA’s high school graduation rates (class of 2018-2019)
 - c. Letters of Intent for January 15, 2020 new charter school application window
 - d. Senate Bill 441 regulation update (Department of Education)
 - e. SPCSA staffing update

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*).
Information/Discussion.

12. Long-Range Board Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its long-range calendar. Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director (*along with any public comment related to this agenda item*). **Information/Discussion.**
13. Public Comment.
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.

14. Adjournment.

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the meeting locations, or by contacting Danny Peltier, Board Secretary, 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706; or by phone at (775) 687-9178.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public notice and agenda has been posted at the following locations, on or before December 6, 2019, and is also available at the State Public Charter School Authority’s website at <http://charterschools.nv.gov/> and the State of Nevada’s official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>:

The principal office of the State Public Charter School Authority, located at 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706;

The State Public Charter School Authority, 2080 East Flamingo, First Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119;

State of Nevada, Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701;

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State of Nevada, Department of Education, 2080 East Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119;

Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701;

Carson City Library, 900 North Roop Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

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 12/6, 2019, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced locations, and websites.



Danny Peltier
State Public Charter School Authority