



## NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

May 5, 2020

In compliance with the Governor's Emergency Directive #006, dated March 22, 2020, and Emergency Directive 016, dated April 29, 2020, the May 5, 2020 Meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority was conducted virtually and livestreamed.

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (via video):**

Member Lee Farris  
Member Tamika Shauntee-Rosales  
Member Don Soifer  
Member Holmes-Sutton  
Member Mallory Cyr  
Member Sheila Moulton  
Chair Melissa Mackedon

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice Chair Randy Kirner  
Member Sami Randolph

#### **AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT (via video):**

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director  
Ryan Herrick, General Counsel  
Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing  
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst

#### **AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chris McBride (via video)  
Scott Harrington (via phone)

## **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Mackedon called the special meeting to order at 9:01am, with attendance reflected above.

## **Agenda Item 2 – Nevada Connections Academy**

Executive Director Rebecca Feiden provided background on Nevada Connections Academy (NCA) and its performance. She summarized the settlement agreement in which the school is requesting approval from the Authority that states the details of a three-year charter school contract for NCA's high school (grades nine through twelve) and dismissal of the pending litigation, *NCA v. Nevada State Public Charter School Authority* (Case No. 20 OC 00036 1B; First Judicial District Court, Carson City). Executive Director Feiden said she is recommending the Authority resolve the pending litigation initiated by NCA against the SPCSA in regard to the Authority's denial of NCA's renewal application as it related to NCA's middle and high schools, on the terms and conditions outlined in the memorandum. See supporting materials for referenced documents. She emphasized that staff does not believe that the current performance of the high school is adequate.

Chris McBride, Superintendent, Nevada Connections Academy, spoke on behalf of the school and expressed their commitment and understanding to the expectations moving forward, including reaching a 3-star status, at the bare minimum.

Scott Harrington, President, Board of Directors, Nevada Connections Academy, reiterated that their board is committed to moving forward.

There was discussion between the Authority and NCA representatives regarding the school's turnover, attrition, and the expectations for improvements, should the agreement be approved.

There was discussion between the Authority and NCA representatives regarding the turnover of the school's board, whether it is fully constituted, and if they have received independent board training.

Chair Mackedon asked for any public comment.

Executive Director Feiden confirmed there were no submissions via the email address provided on the notice.

*No public comment related to this agenda item.*

*Member Soifer made a motion with (3) parts, (1) to dismiss the present litigation, (2) to agree to the contract for a duration of 3-years as stipulated in the memo dated May 5, 2020, and (3) to agree to the settlement as described in the memo dated May 5, 2020. Member Holmes-Sutton seconded the motion.*

*Roll call vote:*

*Member Moulton: Yes.*

*Member Cyr: Yes.*

*Member Soifer: Yes.*

*Member Holmes-Sutton: Yes.*

*Member Shauntee rosales: Yes.*

*Member Farris: Yes.*

*Chair Mackedon: Yes.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

## **Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment**

*No public comment.*

**Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02am.

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