

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

April 28th, 2017

**Nevada Department of Education
700 East 5th St.
Board Room
Carson City, Nevada**

**Nevada Department of Education
9890 S. Maryland Parkway
2nd Floor Board Room
Las Vegas, Nevada**

**SLAM Academy
Gymnasium
1095 Fielders Street
Henderson, NV 89015**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Adam Johnson
Nora Luna
Stavan Corbett
Jason Guinasso
David Gardner

In Carson City:

Melissa Mackedon

Teleconference:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jacob Snow

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

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

In Carson City:

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

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas

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

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Las Vegas:

Attendance Sheet Attached

In Carson City:

See attached

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Johnson called for a flexible agenda. The motion carried unanimously

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment

Chris Orme spoke in regards to Quest Academy moving campuses from its current campus at Torrey Pines and Ranchos to Founder's Academy. Michael Marschner spoke in favor of Discovery Charter School. Heather Stinett spoke about how much she likes her child in Discovery Charter School. Adele Karoum spoke about Discovery Charter School and how much her 3 children love to go there. Jennifer Otto talked about her 4 children who attend Discovery Charter School and the success they have. Pastor Tim Otto spoke in favor of renewing Discovery Charter School. Jordon Otto is a seventh grader at Discovery Charter School and spoke about how much the school has done for him. Anthony Fotia is a sixth grader at Discovery Charter School and spoke about why Discovery Charter School is so good for him. Adrienne Sanchez talked about their child at Discovery Charter School. Ann McGrath spoke about her daughter attending Discovery Charter School. Monika Bros spoke about her eight year old going to Discovery Charter School. Daniel Boyle spoke about Discovery Charter School and how much his child loves going to school. Chris Oyarca read a letter from a student Cynthia Or a former student of Discovery Charter School. Chrystal Winans talked about her daughter who attends Discovery Charter School that is in the third grade. Brian Hayes talks about how much better his kids are doing at Discovery Charter School. Dennis Minarchan spoke about their two children attending Discovery Charter School. Vince Izzolo talks about his children attending Discovery Charter School. Julia Izzolo talks about her children attending Discovery Charter School. Ron Tetrick spoke on Discovery Charter School. Chase Grattini talks about his time at Discovery Charter School. Susan Addy has two children at Discovery Charter School and they love it there. Sherry Edwards has a child at Discovery Charter School

and hope the school doesn't close. Jennifer Wilgar is a parent of a first grader at Discovery charter School and is glad they are open for her child. Tanya Nechodom is a parent who spoke in favor of Discovery Charter School. Craig Nechodom spoke in support of Discovery Charter School. Dawn Bouteiller spoke in support of Discovery Charter School. Tiffany Stansberry spoke about her three children at Discovery Charter School. Melanie Isolampi talked about how well her children do at Discovery Charter School. Todd Shaul spoke in support of Discovery Charter School. Pastor Nathan Buch spoke in support of Discovery Charter School. Eileen Brown-Thomas spoke about her children that go to Discovery Charter School and is support of keeping the school open. Gerald Wylgar wants Discovery Charter School to be renewed.

Chair Johnson called for a flexible agenda. The motion carried unanimously

Agenda Item 7 – Consideration of the revolving loan application for Futuro Academy
Director Gavin spoke about the revolving loan application for Futuro Academy.

Vice Chair Mackedon moved for approval the loan application, contingent upon the receipt of the aforementioned CPA letter demonstrating the school has established and documented adequate internal financial controls and procedures, controls as a condition of execution of the loan agreement between the school and the Authority . Member Corbett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Quest Academy and Silver State Charter School Update

Josh Kern the receiver for Quest Academy and Silver State Charter School gave an update on both charter schools.

Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of Quest Academy Charter Amendment

Director Gavin recommends that this relocation amendment be approved based on the contents that were provided in the application.

Member Luna made a motion to accept staff recommendation for the relocation amendment to be approved. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Silver State Charter School Amendment

Director Gavin spoke about the receiver Josh Kern submitted a request to change the name of the school.

Member Luna made a motion to approve the school's request to change the name. Member Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Consideration of Contract application for Discovery charter School to convert Written Charter Agreement to Charter Contract

Member Guinasso made a motion to continue Item number 5 to a future hearing. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Consideration of Discovery Charter School notice pursuant to NRS 388A.330(1) (f)

Director Gavin spoke about the Notice of Intent that was issued by the Authority.

Member Corbett made a motion to accept staff recommendation including the new charter contract for a six-year term. Member Corbett's seconded the motion. All were in favor but a nay from Vice Chair Mackedon and Chair Johnson.

Agenda Item 2 – February 24, 2017 and March 30-April 1, 2017 State Public Charter School Authority Action Minutes

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

Agenda Item 4 – Update on Fall 2017 Charter School and New Charter Campus Openings

Director Gavin spoke about the four new charters that are approved for fall 2017 and an additional three campuses of existing charters.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on 2017 Legislative Session

Director Gaving spoke gave updated information on the 2017 Legislative Session.

Agenda Item 12 – Public Comment

Pat Hickey of the Charter School Association of Nevada spoke about all the issues the board and authority have talked about today. Tambre Tondryk from Beacon Academy spoke about the amendment for performance targets.

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.

