

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

August 26, 2016

Legislative Building
Room 2135
Carson City, Nevada

And

Grant Sawyer Building
Room 4400
Las Vegas, Nevada

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Adam Johnson
Melissa Mackedon
Jacob Snow
Stavan Corbett
Jason Guinasso
Kathleen Conaboy

In Carson City:

None

Teleconference:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Nora Luna

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Patrick Gavin, Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Brian Scroggins, Deputy Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Nya Berry, Education Program Professional, State Public Charter School Authority
Joan Jurgensen, Education Program Professional, State Public Charter School Authority

In Carson City:

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I, State Public Charter School Authority
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant, State Public Charter School Authority
Jessica Hoban, Administrative Services Officer 2

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General
Ed Magaw, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Las Vegas:

Attendance Sheet Attached

In Carson City:

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

Member Mackedon moved to approve today's agenda. Member Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Mackedon moved to have a flexible agenda. Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment

Mike Montandon spoke about an amendment submitted Founders Academy. Chris Orme an attorney with the law firm of Hutchison and Steffen represented a landlord called Tower Distribution Center, the landlord of Quest Academy at the Torrey Pines Campus. Mrs. Sanchez spoke in behalf of Beacon Academy. Laura Granier spoke about Nevada Connections Academy.

Agenda Item 3 – Introduction of New members

Chair Johnson introduced all new members on the board.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Consent Agenda

- Designation of Members to Attend 2016 NACSA Conference Pursuant to SPCSA Policies and Procedures
- Consideration and possible action of the Founders Academy charter contract amendment request to add one or more Educational Management Organizations
- Consideration and possible action of the Coral Academy charter contract amendment request to add an Educational Management Organization
- Consideration and possible action of the Coral Academy charter contract amendment request to acquire a new central office facility

- Consideration and possible action regarding the Fall 2016 Expansion Amendment Timeline
- Discussion and possible action regarding American Preparatory Academy Relocation Amendment
- Consideration and possible action on the Somerset Academy Early Renewal Application

There was discussion on approvals/denials of the consent agenda.

Member Guinasso made a motion to reject the American Preparatory Academy's Relocation Amended application with instructions to re-submit it and to provide an explanation as to why they didn't comply with the contract and the regulation and to re-submit that at a later date. Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Snow motioned to approve the Coral Academy charter contract amendment and with the understanding that the Authority is going to have to rely on staff to be judicious. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso moves to approve the expansion amendment timeline. Member Conaboy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Conaboy moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7- Quest Academy and Silver State Charter School receiver update
Josh Kern gave update about Quest Academy and Silver State Charter Schools.

Agenda Item 9 – Update, discussion, and possible action regarding status of Nevada Connections Academy charter contract incorporating the terms of the proposed improvement plans.

Greg Ott and Director Gavin both talked about possible action for the school.

Member Guinasso moved to have the contract negotiations completed by September 19, 2016. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Update, discussions, and possible action regarding status of Beacon Academy charter contract incorporating the terms of the proposed improvement plans.

Greg Ott spoke about how Beacon Academy representatives from the school expressed surprise that the SPCSA Board action included a provision that judicial review of any decision to reconstitute the governing body or install a receiver.

Member Guinasso motioned to have the negotiations with Beacon Academy completed by September 19th. Member Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion and possible action regarding Nevada Virtual Academy Performance Improvement Plan

Director Gavin spoke about the performance plan for Nevada Virtual Academy. He gave an overview of the background of why the school was placed on the agenda. Richard Gordon the vice-president of the governing board for Nevada Virtual Academy explained the improvement plan.

Member Guinasso motioned to accept the update on the school and direct the school and staff to continue negotiations and assessments measures with the goal of establishing annual growth targets for each cohort of students and to explore how to leverage the mass assessment interim and annual data so it would be used to monitor the progress of younger students over time including more transient students. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Consideration of Nevada Virtual Academy’s amendment request to relocate and occupy new facility.

Director Gavin spoke about relocation of the school.

Member Guinasso motioned to have this contract negotiated by September 19th. Member Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the July 29, 2016 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes

Member Corbett made a motion to accept the action minutes. Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 10 – Update on Agency Budget Request

Director Gavin spoke about information from the agency regarding the state budget submission of the agency and what to expect moving forward.

Agenda Item 11 – Charter School Association of Nevada

Vice Chair Mackedon provided an update on the conference.

Agenda Item 12 – Update, discussion and possible action regarding the State Public Charter School Authority’s Strategic Plan

Director Gavin spoke about the SPCSA’s Strategic plan.

Member Mackedon motioned to approve the draft metrics related to Goals 2 and 3 with the addition of reconstitution in Goal No. 2. Member Snow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 13 - 2016 Summer Charter Application Cycle Update

Deputy Director Scroggins listed the summer charter application received by the SPCSA during the most recent application cycle.

Agenda Item 14 – Chair and Vice Chair Elections Pursuant to NRS 388A.153(5)

Member Snow moved to reappoint Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Mackedon to another term. Member Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment

Dr. John Hawk, Chief Executive Officer, Nevada State High School, asked for the Authority and SPCSA staff to provide information regarding the Infinite Campus SIS and other issues regarding communication between SPCSA staff and Nevada State High School.

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at: 2:24