

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

December 16, 2016

Truckee Meadows Community College
7000 Dandini Blvd
Sierra Room Bldg. Room 108
Reno, Nevada

And

Nevada System of Higher Education
4300 South Maryland Parkway
Room 102
Las Vegas Nevada

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Adam Johnson
Melissa Mackedon
Jacob Snow
Jason Guinasso
Nora Luna
Stavan Corbett

In Carson City:

Kathleen Conaboy

Teleconference:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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 Programs Professional, State Public Charter School Authority
Joan Jurgensen, Education Program Professional, State Public Charter School Authority

In Carson City:

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant III
Angela Blair, Education Program Professional, State Public Charter School Authority

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General
Robert Whitney, 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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment

Chris Orme spoke about being counsel for Tower Distribution, which is the landlord of Quest Torrey Pines' campus.

Member Guinasso moved to suspend public comment. Member Luna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso moved to continue the public hearing. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The members all decided on continuing the hearing until January 27th for Nevada Connections Academy. The motion carried unanimously.

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Danielle Belinski spoke in favor of Nevada Connections Academy. Greg Anderson spoke in regards to her children attending Nevada Connections Academy. Cateland White spoke about keeping Nevada Connections Academy open. Oriana Chun is representing her children for Nevada Connections. Stephanie Fournier spoke on behalf of her family for Nevada Connections Academy. Dana Manno spoke in support of Nevada Connections Academy. Anna Johnston spoke in support of Nevada Connections Academy. Reverend Augustin Jorquez talked in support of Nevada Connections Academy. Gina Hames who works at Nevada Connections Academy spoke about how much the school helps kids. Beverly Cather spoke about how much

Nevada Connections Academy has helped her child. Deborah Schultz spoke about Nevada Connections Academy and is a teacher there and states it's a perfect alternative to being in a physical classroom. Wendy Addington spoke in behalf of Nevada Connections. Stuart Kimball spoke about how well their child is doing at Nevada Connections Academy. Victoria Neer read a letter in behalf of Mariah Grabich.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the October 21, 2016 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes

This item was moved to the next meeting on January 27, 2017.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration and possible action regarding Beacon Academy's amended contract reflecting the school's desire to revise enrollment criteria and become eligible to be evaluated based on the Alternative Framework. Possible actions include acceptance of contract negotiated between Beacon Academy and SPCSA staff, rejection of contract, or direction to renegotiate.

Director Gavin stated that Beacon Academy submitted an amendment request which will limit their enrollment to strictly those categories of students who are eligible under Senate Bill 460, the bill that created the alternative performance framework, and also more exclusively to the specific categories and definitions outlined in the regulations approved by the State Board of Education earlier this year. This is permissible under statute.

Member Guinasso made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to approve this amendment. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Comment

None

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at: 1:08