

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

December 8, 2017

**Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson St.
Room 2135
Carson City, Nevada**

**Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington
Room 4406
Las Vegas Nevada**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Nora Luna
Sheila Moulton
Jeff Hinton
Member Corbett

In Carson City:

Jason Guinasso
Melissa Mackedon

Teleconference:

David Gardner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Brian Scroggins, Deputy Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing

In Carson City:

Patrick Gavin, Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Jennifer Bauer, Director of Finance and Operations
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant III

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Carson City

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General
Ryan Herrick, General Counsel, State Public Charter School Authority

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Las Vegas:

None

In Carson City:

None

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

Member Mackedon moved to accept the agenda. Chair Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 1- Public Comment

Pat Hickey with the Charter School Association of Nevada spoke how well State Public Charter School Authority has done with the schools we sponsor.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the November 8, 2017 Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the meeting minutes from the November 8, 2017 Board Meeting

Member Mackedon moved to approve the minutes. Chair Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Strategic Plan

Director Gavin spoke about the upcoming strategic plan. Setting up four goals and in the year 2020 to high quality seats to 60,000 to increase student population. There is an increase number of students of color and disabilities.

Agenda Item 5 – The Authority will review, discuss and possibly decide on the Authority’s nomination to Governor Sandoval of three candidates to be appointed as Executive Director of the State Public Charter School Authority pursuant to Assembly Bill 49. Each applicant will be afforded up to ten (10) minutes to present to the Board, if the applicant wishes. Potential candidates are:

- Patrick Gavin
- Brian Scroggins
- Scott James
- Christy Saul

Member Moulton made a motion for Patrick Gavin, Brian Scroggins, and Christy Saul to be nominated for the appointment as Executive Director of the State Public Charter School Authority. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Quest Preparatory Academy Receiver Update

Joshua Kern receiver for Quest Preparatory Academy spoke about updates on the charter school.

Agent Item 7 – Argent Preparatory Academy Receiver Update

Joshua Kern receiver for Argent Preparatory Academy spoke about updates on the charter school.

Agenda Item 10 – New America School Charter Application. The Authority will review and discuss Staff’s Charter Application Review and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of New America School’s Charter Application

Director Gavin gave some insight on the school’s application. Representatives Maurice Flores and Dominic DiFelice spoke for the New America School’s Charter and gave a presentation on why they should be approved.

Member Mackedon made a motion to deny approving the school. Chair Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carries 4 to 3. In favor is Member Gardner, Member Hinton. Opposed Member Moulton, Member Luna and Member Corbett.

Agenda Item 10 – American Leadership Academy – Summerlin Charter Application. The Authority will review and discuss Staff’s Charter Application Review and recommendation, and review, discuss and possibly take action including approving (or possible conditional approval) or denial of American Leadership Academy – Summerlin’s Charter Application

Director Gavin discussed the application that was reviewed. This school will be K-8 in Clark County and would like to open 2018-2019 school year. Representatives were at the meeting to discuss the implantation of the model plan.

Vice Chair Mackedon made a motion to approve the schools charter application with conditions as set forth in staff’s charter application review and recommendation. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Discovery Charter School Receiver Update

Denise Harnal and Amanda Kettleison spoke about the update on the charter school.

Agenda Item 12 - Public Comment #2

Adjournment 2:22 pm