

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

May 25, 26, and 27 2017

**Grand Sierra
2500 E. Second Street
Nevada Room
Reno NV**

**The Westin
160 E. Flamingo Rd.
Acacia Room
Las Vegas NV**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas: 5-25-17

Adam Johnson
Jason Guinasso
Melissa Mackedon
Jacob Snow
Stavan Corbett
David Gardner

In Carson City: 5-25-17

None

Teleconference: 5-25-17

Nora Luna

In Las Vegas 5-26-17

Adam Johnson
Jason Guinasso
Melissa Mackedon
Jacob Snow
Stavan Corbett

In Carson City 5-26-17

None

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Melissa Mackedon

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Adam Johnson

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

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment

Steve Werlein spoke in support for Nevada Connections. Teresa Anderson spoke in support for Nevada Connections. Whitney Vaughan spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Dianne Karp spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Amanda Easley spoke on behalf of Mariah Hielt to support Nevada Connections. Alissa Gardner spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Robin Bort spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Larissa Gorton spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Leila Gorton spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Rebecca Gorton spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Victoria Neer Principal for Nevada Connections spoke about keeping the school open. Theresa Nordquist spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Kate Phillips a teacher for Nevada Connections spoke on behalf of Jenny Claypool. Robin Hughes SPED teacher spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Alison Thomas spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Sarah Jones spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Ashley Anderson a teacher spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Gina Hames spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Ben Caves spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Eric Nunamaker spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Jaime Starrn spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Kelly Beck spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Richard Hanson spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Debra Schultz spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Jennifer Slyter spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Reva Rindy spoke on behalf of Barbara Gamble in support of Nevada Connections. Rowena Sandoval spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Cindy Jorquez spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Jason Evans spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Joe Thomas high school principal spoke in support of Nevada Connections. MaryAnn Pochowski spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Kimberly King spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Lacey King spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Lindsey King spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Laura Sanda SPED teacher spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Amanda Roller spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Dianna Thompson spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Jonathan Simmonds spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Sharon Simmonds spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Lisa Malabayo spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Kim and DJ Arkerson spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Jamie Smith spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Cheyenne Malley spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Frank Malley spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Veronica and Jesse Berry parent and teacher spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Glenn T. Raitt spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Rhiannon Greiner spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Rikki Greiner spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Michele Spiger spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Tessa Spiger spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Naomi Benjelloun spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Katelynn Abbott spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Suzanne Galleher spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Courtney Kelly spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Levette McEaddy spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Christine Dzarnoski spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Christine Casillas spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Kristie King and Nathan King spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Pamela Newburn spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Keith Figuelra spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Lamesha Young spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Robert Young spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Cherie Allison spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Oriana Chun spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Christa Carillas spoke in support of Nevada Connections.

Nathan Held spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Christine Cagillas spoke for Erika Lightfoot, Kyle Watson spoke in support of Nevada Connections. Nathan Held spoke in support of Nevada Connections.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the April 28, 2017 Board Meeting Action Minutes

Member Snow made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Public Hearing to make a determination regarding whether to take action regarding the Notices sent to Nevada Connections Academy on September 30, 2016 and February 10, 2017. Pursuant to the Notice of Intent issued to Nevada Connections Academy on September 30, 2016 and the Notice pursuant to NRS 388A.330 issued on February 10, 2017 and in accordance with NRS 388A.330, the Board will consider whether the deficiencies included in the Notice of Intent and Notice pursuant to NRS 388A.330 have been corrected to the satisfaction of the Board. Possible Actions include a determination that the deficiencies have or have not been corrected to the satisfaction of the Board. If the deficiencies noted in either notice have not been corrected, the Board will consider if any accountability action prescribed in NRS 388A.330 is appropriate. Possible Actions pursuant to either notice include no action, reconstitution of the governing board, or revocation of the written charter no sooner than the end of the 2017 academic year. (Patrick Gavin, Executive Director, SPCSA; Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General, Representatives from Nevada Connections Academy) (*Information/Discussion/For Possible Action*)

Member Guinasso made a motion to approve that the authority met the open meeting law for past meetings. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to not admit evidence or pleadings that were filed after the March 30th, 2017 will be excluded. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 1. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 2 and 3. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 4. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 5. It purports to be the State Public Charter School Authority's minutes from July 29th of 2016. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 6. The Authority's Exhibit. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 7. This purports to be the charter school agreement. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 8. Purports to be the State Public Charter School Authority minutes for the meeting on March 25th of 2016. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 9 . This purports to be Nevada Connections Academy graduates and nongraduates over time. Pending authentication. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 10. This purports to be the State Public Charter School Authority minutes from March 22, 2013. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 11. NCA's graduation rates over time, pending authentication. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 12. This purports to be State of Nevada Office of the Controller Fiscal Report 2011 moving forward. Subject to proper authentication. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit 13. This purports to be public dollars invented in NCA. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit A 2016 cure letter. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6 and A-10. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to Exhibit A7 be admitted and accepted. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit A-8 be admitted. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit A-9. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to reject A-11. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to from admit Exhibit B. March 24, 2017 cure letter from NCA. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit C. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso amended the earlier motion marked A1-A11, change to B-1 –B11. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to accept Exhibit D. Evaluation of good standing. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit E. Charter School Performance Framework. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit F. Email dated February 29th 2016. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit G. Minutes of the Senate Committee of Education. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit H. August 7th 2015 email. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit I. Declaration of Jafeth Sanchez in support of motion for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit J. Transcript of proceedings. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit K. Minutes of State Public Charter School Authority September 28, 2015. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit L. September 22, 2015 email from Carolyn McIntosh to Patrick Gavin. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to reject Exhibit M. Proposed regulation. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit N. Notice of Intent to revoke written charter. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit O. Briefing memorandum to the authority board. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit P. December 2, 2016 index of documents in Epicenter. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit Q. Meeting minutes of July 29, 2016. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit R. Meeting minutes of December 23, 2016. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit S. March 25, 2016 Legislative Counsel Bureau. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit B-9. 2016 Graduation Rate Analysis. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit Exhibit T. August 24th, 2015 meeting minutes of the State Public Charter School Authority. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Gardner made a motion to combine what is current Exhibit Q to include the staff briefing memorandum for 7-29-16 and the minutes of the State Public Charter School Authority meeting 7-29-16 as well. Member Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to accept Exhibit V. Email from Jurgensen. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to adopt the graduation rate that this board will use the information provided by the Nevada Department of Education. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion based on the evidence that's been presented by the Authority, that it appears as a matter of law that the NCA for cohort year 2015 and cohort year 2016 has not achieved a 60 percent or higher graduation rate. Member Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to accept Exhibit B-11. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to deny the motion to dismiss for a cure. Member Stavan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion to admit what was originally Exhibit W, the validation report and supplemental report and exclude the confidential information that was provided with it. Member Snow seconded the motion. Member Mackedon was a nay the rest were aye.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

None

Member Guinasso made a motion that the board allow me to draft a written order after the hearing codifying the plan that we jut discussed within the last hour. Member Corbett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearing Adjourned at 4:56 pm.