

**NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY MEETING AND
RETREAT**

May 12, 2016

MEET Las Vegas
233 South 4th Street
Meeting Room 1
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Adam Johnson
Elissa Wahl
Robert McCord
Kathleen Conaboy
Nora Luna was present on May 12

In Carson City:

Melissa Mackedon – Melissa was in Las Vegas

Teleconference:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

5/13 Nora Luna

Member Abelman – I think Marc was absent both days due to an illness

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

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

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott

In Las Vegas:

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 2 – Opening Comments

Members of the Authority gave their opening comments for the retreat. No action taken

Agenda Item 3 - Update and discussion related to the SPCSA's Strategic Plan, including, but not limited to, the following strategies: (Patrick Gavin, Executive Director, SPCSA) (Information/Discussion)

- **Supporting strong school governance**
- **Open and sustain quality new schools**
- **Enhance the working relationship between SPCSA staff and board in order to improve board functionality**
- **Diversifying Portfolio School Demographics: Determining strategies we can leverage to modify the demographics of our current and future portfolio of schools to better represent the demographics of the state**

Members discussed the items listed above. No action was taken

Agenda Item 4 - General discussion related to Authority operations as a charter school sponsor, including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- **Intersection of support, autonomy, and accountability**
- **Rule Making: How to proceed with the creation of regulations under which we need to operate to ensure clarity for current and future schools we authorize**
- **Authority LEA status**
- **Human capital needs at the Authority and plan to fill**

Members discussed the items listed above. No action was taken

Chair Johnson adjourned the retreat at 6:00 pm.

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Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment #1

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the March 25, 2016 SPCSA Board Meeting Minutes

Member McCord moved for approval. Member Mackedon seconded. The vote passed unanimously

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion and possible action related to items discussed during the January 9, 2014 Authority Retreat. Discussion and possible action may be taken in the following areas: (Adam, SPCSA Authority Chair; Patrick Gavin, Executive Director, SPCSA) (*Information/Discussion/Action*)

- 1. SPCSA’s Strategic Plan, including, but not limited to, the following strategies:**
 - i. Supporting strong school governance**
 - ii. Open and sustain quality new schools**
 - iii. Enhance the working relationship between SPCSA staff and board in order to improve board functionality**
 - iv. Diversifying Portfolio School Demographics: Determining strategies we can leverage to modify the demographics of our current and future portfolio of schools to better represent the demographics of the state**
- 2. Authority operations as a charter school sponsor, including, but not limited to, the following topics:**
 - i. Intersection of support, autonomy, and accountability**
 - ii. Rule Making: How to proceed with the creation of regulations under which we need to operate to ensure clarity for current and future schools we authorize**
 - iii. Authority LEA status**
 - iv. Human capital needs at the Authority and plan to fill**
- 3. Operator Recruitment: How can the SPCSA solicit additional operators to operate in NV? Additionally, how does the SPCSA operate in conjunction with the charter entities in NV?**

Members discussed the items listed above. No action was taken.

This was listed as an action item. Didn't we come to consensus and ask PG to create a final document for consideration at a future meeting?

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion and possible action regarding the delegation of authority to SPCSA staff to include recommendations from the NACSA Business Evaluations in the proposed work programs and the FY17 –FY19 Authority Budget proposal

The Authority discussed the delegation of authority to SPCSA staff to include recommendations from the NACSA Business Evaluations in the proposed work programs and the FY17 –FY19 Authority Budget proposal. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5 - Consideration of the SPCSA staff's recommendation for approval of the Silver State Charter School renewal application based on the settlement agreement between the Authority and Silver State Charter School

Director Gavin explained to the Board that this renewal was part of the settlement agreement which had been reached between the Authority and Silver State Charter School at a prior meeting. He explained the contents of the renewal and recommended approval of the renewal application based on the terms in the settlement.

Member Conaboy moved for approval of Silver State Renewal Application based on the settlement agreement between the SPCSA and SSCS. Member McCord seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion carried 4 - 1. Member Mackedon voted in opposition. Member Luna and Member Abelman were absent.

Agenda Item 6 – Member Comment
None

Agenda Item 7 – Public Comment #2
None

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.