

**NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY**

**May 20, 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  
Elissa Wahl  
Marc Abelman  
Robert McCord  
Kathleen Conaboy

**In Carson City:**

Melissa Mackedon

**Teleconference:**

None

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Nora Luna**

**AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:**

**In Las Vegas:**

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

**In Carson City:**

Jessica Hoban, Administrative Services Officer, State Public Charter School Authority  
Nya Berry, Education Program Professional, State Public Charter School Authority  
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I, State Public Charter School Authority  
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant, State Public Charter School Authority

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:****In Las Vegas:**

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:****In Las Vegas:**

Attendance Sheet Attached – no sheets attached

**In Carson City:**

Attendance Sheet Attached -- no sheets attached

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

**Member McCord moved for a flexible agenda. Member Abelman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment**

Will B. Whitesell spoke in support of Nevada Connections Academy and supports the school. Jennifer Bistline spoke in support of Nevada Connections Academy regarding student growth and meeting the needs of children with special needs and medical issues. Jill Nestor spoke in support of Beacon Academy for serving at risk students. Lisa Racine is a learning coach and spoke in support of Nevada Virtual Academy; her children have made continued progress in their grades. Randy Donald, Board President for Beacon Academy, is in support of the school and its improvement with the students. Joe Diraffaele, Vice President of Beacon Academy Governing Board, is in support of how well the school educates the students. Spencer Bassett spoke in support of Beacon Academy; she feels the school helped her prepare to pursue other opportunities in her life. Jeri Wicker spoke in support of Beacon Academy and has great communication with the school. Spencer Bassett spoke in support of Beacon Academy. Linda Lord spoke in support of Nevada Virtual Academy; she feels online schools helps the students. Sarah Bassett spoke in support of Beacon Academy. Kim Bassett spoke in support of Beacon Academy because her children are thriving at this school. Tina Bland spoke in support of Beacon Academy. RaeAnn Morales spoke in support Beacon Academy for all the benefits they give her. Amineh Harvey, representing the Healthy Start Program, spoke in support of Beacon Academy. Jonathon Henley spoke in support of Nevada Virtual Academy and wants it to stay open. Angelica Pallan spoke in support of Nevada Connections Academy.

**Agenda Item 8 - Alternative Framework update and discussion.**

Director Gavin gave report on alternative framework update.

**Agenda Item 6 - Update regarding staff discussions with Beacon Academy regarding school's plan for improvement. The Board will receive an update on and may discuss the status of discussions between SPCSA staff and School officials and attorneys regarding the school's efforts to develop a plan of improvement.**

School principal Tambre Tondryk gave a presentation regarding the school's improvement and the charter amendment. Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott spoke regarding the school's plan for improvement and notice of closure and indicated that SPCSA will be working with the school TO DO WHAT?????. Ms. Sanchez (TITLE??) also spoke regarding improving the school's performance.

**Agenda Item 7 - Consideration and possible action of Beacon Academy Amendment request pursuant to NAC 386.325**

Discussion ensued on this subject between Director Gavin, Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Tondryk. The school needs a clear plan in order to move forward without notice of closure. SPCSA will put the school on the Board's July agenda.

**Agenda Item 5 - Update regarding staff discussions with Nevada Connections Academy regarding school's plan for improvement. The Board will receive an update on and may discuss the status of discussions between SPCSA staff and School officials and attorneys regarding the school's efforts to develop a plan of improvement.**

Board President Jafeth Sanchez spoke for Nevada Connections Academy about the graduation rate. Principal (Is that his correct title???) Steve Werlein also spoke about the graduation rate and improvement plan. Dr. Brian Rasta (title??) with Nevada Connections Academy talked about the school's efforts to develop a plan of improvement. Attorney Laura Granier talked about accountability for the school. SPCSA will revisit the improvement plan in July. What is "this"?

**Agenda Item 4 - Update regarding staff discussions with Nevada Virtual Academy regarding school's plan for improvement. The Board will receive an update on and may discuss the status of discussions between SPCSA staff and School officials and attorneys regarding the school's efforts to develop a plan of improvement.**

Richard Gordon, Vice President of the Board at Nevada Virtual Academy, spoke about the school's plan of improvement. Orlando dos Santos, principal of NVVA, also spoke about the school's plan to improve.

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the April 29, 2016 SPCSA Action Minutes**

**Member Conaboy moved for approval of the minutes. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda Item 8 – Public Comment**

Dr. John Hawk, Chief Operations Officer, spoke about Nevada State High School and would like a signed contract from SPCSA.

**Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:11 pm.**

# State Public Charter School Authority

## Meeting

Las Vegas

5-20-2016

| Name               | Representing           | Email Address for SPCSA List serve |
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| Lisa Malabago      | NV Connections Academy | lmalabago@connectionseducation.com |
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| Travis Cherry      | BANV                   | travis.cherry@scsv.org             |
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| Orlando Dos Santos | NVVA                   | odossantos@nvvaconnections.org     |

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| Richard Gordon   | Nevada Virtual Academy     | rgordon@svlaw.com       |
| Joe DiRaffaele   | Beacon Academy             | Joe@DqRealtyLV.com      |
| Lisa Racine      | NUVA                       | jlracine@msn.com        |
| Jennifer Bistine | NUVA                       | BistineLV@aol.com       |
| Jill Nester      | Beacon Academy             | jillnester@bavn.org     |
| Shere Swanson    | Beacon Academy             | Shere.Swanson@Bavn.org  |
| Tambre Pondryk   | Beacon Academy             | tambre.pondryk@bavn.org |
| Anhea Danmore    | Beacon Academy             | Anhea.danmore@bavn.org  |
| Will B Whitesell | Nevada connections Academy |                         |
| Ed Whitesell     | Parent J                   |                         |
| Jimmy Whitesell  | Parent J                   |                         |
| Steve Werlein    | NCA                        |                         |
| Brian Rospa      | NCA                        |                         |
| Tina Bland       | Beacon Academy             |                         |
| Kim Bussey       | Beacon Academy             | Kim@kimbussett@bavn.com |

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| Amrneh Darnay        | SNHD (Nehy Saint Pugh)     |   |
| RaeAnn Moralez       | Beacon Academy             |   |
| Dr. Scott Harrington | Nevada Connections         | sharriny@me.com                           |
| Ben Salkow           | Equipo Academy             | ben.salkow@equipoacademy.org              |
| Jamie Smith          | Nevada Connections Academy | jdsmitth@connectionseducationalcenter.com |
| Jonathan Henley      | Nevada Virtual Academy     | loven.mccanid@nvva.us                     |
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### Carson City

5-20-2016

| Name              | Representing               | Email Address for SPCSA List serve |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Joe Thomas        | Nevada Connections Academy | jstomas@connectionseducation.com   |
| Linda Lord        | Nevada Virtual Academy     | familylord@yahoo.com               |
| JAFETH E. SANCHEZ | NEVADA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY | jescorche@nva.edu                  |
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Welcome... PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY all information in full so that we may maintain accurate records.

Date 5/20/2016  
Name Will B Whitesell  
Title Student  
Address 5546 Golden Leaf

Phone No. 7) 807 9771

Representing NCA

Subject School

- I Request To Speak
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- I am a visitor

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Welcome... PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY all information in full so that we may maintain accurate records.

Date 5/20/16

Name Jennifer Bistline

Title Leaning Coach, Parent

Address 6908 Kin Ave

Las Vegas, NV 89145

Phone No. 702-778-3631

Representing NVUA

Subject Growth and meeting the  
Needs of Children w/ Special  
Needs and medical

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Date 5-20-14

Name Jill Nestor

Title School social worker

Address 7360 W Flamingo Rd

Phone No. 702-726-8664

Representing Beavon Academy

Subject serving at risk student

I Request To Speak

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Date 5-20-16  
Name Lisa Racine  
Title Learning Coach  
Address 413 Davenport Ln.

Phone No. 702-847-4480  
Representing NVVA  
Subject Continued progress

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Date 5/20/16  
Name Randy Donard  
Title Board President  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. 702 348 9290  
Representing Beacon Academy  
Subject BANV Board & Staff  
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Date 5-20-16  
Name JOE DiBartack  
Title Board Vice-President  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. 702-630-6767  
Representing Beacon Academy  
Subject Beacon Board Staff

- I Request To Speak
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Date 5/20/16  
Name Jeri Wilkerson  
Title Community Liaison  
Address 7000 W. Spring Mtn. Road  
KV. NV 89117  
Phone No. 873-2400  
Representing Beacon Academy  
Subject \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 5/2/2015

Name Spencer Bassett

Title Student

Address 12261 Argent bay Avenue

Phone No. 972-533-0713

Representing Beacon Academy of Nevada

Subject Don't close the school.

I Request To Speak

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I am a visitor

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Date 5/20/2016  
Name Linda Lord  
Title Learning Coach  
Address 1950 Lousetown Road  
Reno, NV 89521  
Phone No. 775) 857-8115  
Representing Nevada Virtual Academy  
Subject State Charter Authority  
Meeting

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Date 5/20/16  
Name Kim Bassett  
Title Parent  
Address 12211 Argent Bay Ave  
Las Vegas, NV 89138  
Phone No. 702-746-5098  
Representing Beacon Academy  
Subject \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date 5/20/16  
Name Sarah Basset  
Title student  
Address 12261 Argent Bay Av

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing ~~Beacon~~ Beacon Academy  
Subject Beacon  
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Date 5/20  
Name Tina B Cant  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 5800 W. Charleston Blvd 1042  
Las Vegas, N.V. 89146  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing Beacon Academy  
Subject Public Commit  
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Date MAY 20, 2016

Name RABAN MORALES

Title Student

Address 7340 W. FLAMINGO

Phone No. 702-726-8600

Representing BEACON

Subject BENEFITS

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Date 5/20/14  
Name Aminah Harvey  
Title Health Educator / Case Manager  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Representing Healthy Start  
Subject Partnership w/ Beacon Academy

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Date May, 20, 2016  
Name Jonathan Tenley/Loren Maccario  
Title Parent  
Address 5001 Sail Rock Place North  
(917 Vegas) NV. 89037  
Phone No. 702 917-0758  
Representing Dante Norris NVA  
Subject Self

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name Angelica Pallas

Title Student

Address 4929 Athens Bow Place  
NIOKTH LV NV 89031

Phone No. 702-~~580~~ 302-8013

Representing Connections Academy

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 5/20/16  
Name Shere Swain  
Title Teacher  
Address 7360 W Fleming Rd

Phone No. 702 726 8614

Representing Bessie Academy

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 5/20/2016  
Name Holly Hoffbauer  
Title Student  
Address 9137 Lake Geneva Ct.

Phone No. 702-332-3804  
Representing NCA  
Subject Nevada Connections Academy

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Date 5/20/2016  
Name John Hawk  
Title Chief Operations Officer  
Address 233 N. Stephanie St  
Henderson, NV 89079  
Phone No. 702-332-2593  
Representing Nevada State High School  
Subject Public Comment

I Request To Speak

I am a scheduled speaker

I am a visitor