

DRAFT MINUTES – SUBJECT TO REVISION

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

October 23, 24, 25, 2017

**Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson St.
Room 1214
Carson City, Nevada**

**Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington
Room 4401, 4412, 4406,
Las Vegas Nevada**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Nora Luna
Jason Guinasso
Sheila Moulton
Melissa Mackedon

In Carson City:

Teleconference:

David Gardner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Corbett

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:

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant III
Jennifer Bauer, Director of Finance and Operations

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas

Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General
Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General
Ryan Herrick, General Counsel, SPCSA

In Carson City

None

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Las Vegas:

None

In Carson City:

None

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

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

Recess was called at 8:35 am.

Chair Guinasso moved to remove items numbers 4 and 5 from the agenda. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

Ronald Tetrick, spoke about Discovery Charter School. Dawn Butler spoke about Discovery Charter School and the Board was full and would like the applications of the board members.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the October 10, 2017 Action Minutes

Member Mackedon moved to approve the action minutes. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 – Revisions to Board and Agency “Duties, Policies and Procedures”

Jennifer Bauer, Director of finance and Operations, talked about the revisions to the changes in the procedures for the board. Member Moulton had some questions, like self-evaluations. This is becoming best practice with other State agencies. The Board would like some additional training on the steps to follow with the new forms and policies.

Member Moulton made a motion to approve Revisions to Board and Agency “Duties, Policies and Procedures”. Member Luna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 7- Authority Board Calendar Review

The next hearing for NCA will be November 8, 2017 or November 15, 2017 depending on when LCB has available rooms.

Agenda Item 9 – Review of existing State Public Charter School Authority Financial Framework and consideration of State Public Charter School Authority staff recommendations for possible changes to the criteria for the financial metrics

Jennifer Bauer and Duffy Chagoya spoke about the financial framework and possible changes that might need to be made.

Member Mackedon moved to approve the Financial Framework and consideration of SPCSA staff recommendations for possible changes to the criteria for the financial metrics. Member Luna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 11 – Argent Preparatory Receiver Update

Josh Kern discussed how Argent Preparatory has been functioning.

Agenda Item 12 – Quest Preparatory Academy Receiver Update –

Josh Kern spoke about Quest Preparatory and how the school is running.

Agenda Item 15 – Doral Academy of Northern Nevada Facility Update

Eddie Ableser spoke about changes in Doral Academy. Bob Howell also spoke about history of Doral.

Agenda Item 13 – Legacy Traditional School- North Las Vegas Parent Complaint. The Authority Board will hear a complaint against Legacy Traditional School and may consider authorizing partnership with other agencies or other avenues of further investigation.

Director Gavin read and spoke about a complaint letter from a concerned parent about the dress code at the school. The complaint has been brought to the attention of NDE as a civil rights discrimination complaint. Daniel Stewart, Legal Counsel for the schools board talked about the dress code for the school and the school will be looking into this further. Brandi Adams also talked about the situation with the dress code. Some kids can get a waiver if there are questions regarding the dress code. Also, the kids that left will be put in the front of the wait list if they want to come back.

Agenda Item 17 – Consideration of American Leadership Academy – North Las Vegas request for a charter amendment to contract with a new Educational Management Organization

Director Gavin spoke about when the school opened and the initial contract. Jeremy Christensen, Executive Director for American Leadership Academy talked about the amendment contract.

Member Luna made a motion to approve the application for an amendment, with a notice of concern recommended by staff. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 10 – Discovery Charter School Receiver Update

John Haynal, receiver for Discover Charter School in Las Vegas had update on how the school is operating at this time.

Agenda Item 14 – Consideration of the American Preparatory Academy Facility Amendment

Director Gavin stated staff had received a facility amendment that is taken out of the typical timeline. The school is asking for a new lease. It would have a new landlord. Lee Iglody, Chairman and President of American Preparatory, Jim Baldford underwriter, Richard Ghost, Attorney for the school, gave information on the foundation.

Member Mackedon moved to approve the American Preparatory Academy Facility Amendment. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Update regarding the Nevada School Performance Framework

Brett Barley talked about the Nevada School Performance Framework. He gave a presentation on schools and districts.

Agenda Item 16 – Consideration of the Athlos Academy of Reno Charter Application Recommendation Report

Director Gavin spoke about the application that has been provided. Chris O’Neil, Chair of Athlos and Jenny Freeman who is Vice Chair of the Board, Caitlyn Scales representing the EMO for Athlos. They gave information on how the school will perform and the contract that they hope will be made with State Public Charter School Authority staff.

Member Mackedon moved to approve staff’s recommendation to approve the application with conditions for Athlos Academy of Reno Charter Application. Member Moulton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 18 – Public Comment

Dawn Butler spoke about Discovery Charter School.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 am.