

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

September 23, 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
Melissa Mackedon
Jacob Snow
Jason Guinasso

In Carson City:

None

Teleconference:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathleen Conaboy
Stavan Corbett

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

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

In Carson City:

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I, State Public Charter School Authority

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General
Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Las Vegas:

Attendance Sheet Attached

In Carson City:

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

Member Luna moved to have a flexible agenda. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment

Dr. Kit Kotler spoke regarding statewide systems of public education and information regarding Silver State Charter School. Laura Grainer spoke in behalf of Nevada Connections Academy. Sharon Frederick board member for Beacon Academy of Nevada talked about being termed out for the spring of 2017. Africa Sanchez talked about staff recommendation for Notice of Intent to terminate the charter contract. Chris Orme represents Tower Distribution and Tower Distribution, landlord of Quest Torrey Pines Campus about the rent being paid.

Agenda Item 6 - Update, Discussion and possible action regarding Nevada Virtual Academy improvement contract negotiations

Director Gavin discussed to negotiate an amended charter contract for Nevada Virtual Academy.

Member Guinasso moved to table this agenda item until later in the day when the public both have a copy of the contract. Member Snow seconded the motions. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Update, discussion and possible action regarding Nevada Connections Academy improvement plan, including but not limited to approval of proposed charter contract with terms previously approved by the Authority, discussion and possible action regarding staff recommendation on revocation of its written charter due to violation of NRS 388A.330 and issuance of direction to staff to issue Notice of Intent to Revoke the Written Charter.

Director Gavin spoke about action taken regarding Nevada Connections Academy.

Member Guinasso made a motion in accordance with the staff’s recommendation, he moved to clarify that the language that’s been summarized in the memo be included as an essential term of any agreement that we would reach with Nevada Connections. Melissa Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Guinasso made a motion that pursuant to NRS 386.330 that the Authority direct staff to issue a Notice of Intent to revoke the written charter, Nevada Connections Academy, based on having a graduation rate for the preceding school year that is less than 60 percent. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. Member Luna opposed the motion. The rest of the board was Ayes.

Agenda Item 5 - Update, discussion and possible action regarding Beacon Academy improvement plan, including but not limited to approval of proposed charter contract with terms previously approved by the Authority, discussion and possible action regarding staff recommendation on alternative terms proposed by the school, or issuance of finding that the school is eligible for termination of its charter contract due to violation of NRS 388A.330 (e) and issuance of direction to staff to issue Notice of Intent to Terminate the Charter Contract.

Director Gavin talked about action taken regarding Beacon Academy.

Member Guinasso motioned pursuant to NRS 388A.330 and NAC 386.330 that the Authority Board direct staff to issue a Notice of Intent to Terminate the Charter Contract of Beacon Academy based on having a graduation rate for the preceding school year that is less than 60 percent. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried 3 – 2. Member Snow and Member Luna voted Nay.

Agenda Item 9 - Quest Academy and Silver State Charter School receiver update

Josh Kern spoke about Quest Preparatory Academy and Silver State Charter School.

Member Snow motioned to follow the Director’s recommendation. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Consent Approval

Information concerning the following consent agenda items has been provided to Board members for study prior to the meeting. Unless a Board member has a question concerning a particular item and asks that it be withdrawn from the consent list, items are approved through one action.

(Adam Johnson, Chair, SPCSA) (*Information/Discussion/For Possible Action*)

- Submission Timeline for Amendment Requests and Other School Materials for Board Consideration (Adam Johnson, Board Chair, SPCSA) (*Information/Discussion/For Possible Action*)
- Approval of SPCSA Public Information Request Fee Policy (Patrick Gavin, Executive Director, SPCSA) (*Information/Discussion/For Possible Action*)
- Approval of revisions to provisions of SPCSA Board and Staff Policies (Patrick Gavin, Executive Director, SPCSA) (*Information/Discussion/For Possible Action*)

Member Snow motioned for approval of the consent agenda. Member Guinasso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Director’s Report

Director Gavin spoke about the Executive Director’s Report

Agenda Item 10- Update, discussion and possible action regarding the State Public Charter School Authority’s Strategic Plan

Director Gavin spoke about the SPCSA’s Strategic Plan.

Member Mackedon motioned to approve the proposed metric for goal number 4 of the strategic plan. Member Luna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of the August 26, 2016 Board Meeting Action Minutes

Member Mackedon moved to approve the minutes. Member Guinasso seconded the motion with the adjustments noted. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 11 – Financial Framework Report

Duffy Chagoya spoke about the financial framework report.

Agenda Item 12 – Public Comment

None

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at: 1:14 pm