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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Patrick Gavin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 9: Beacon Academy, Nevada Connections Academy, Argent Preparatory Academy, and Discovery Charter School
DATE: February 16, 2018

As the Authority is aware, Beacon Academy, Nevada Connections Academy, Argent Preparatory Academy, and Discovery Charter School recently received Assembly Bill 49 notifications as a result of low academic performance. All of these charter schools have complied with the requirements imposed by AB 49. While all of the foregoing charter schools are currently under some sort of negotiated or other alternative framework – receivership (Discovery), settlement framework and receivership (Argent), moving towards the alternative performance framework (Beacon), or previously-agreed upon cure (Connections) and each is currently meeting the performance targets that were agreed to under their contracts, Staff believes it is important to remind these schools both of the underlying performance issues which prompted Authority intervention and of the importance of continuing to meet or exceed the academic targets that they committed to in their contracts. Staff recommends that the SPCSA Board delegate to Staff the authority to issue notices to each of these schools of their performance obligations under their charter contracts and of the potential consequences of failing to meet their performance targets.

Recommendation: *Approve SPCSA Staff Recommendation to issue Notices of Performance Obligations to each of these schools.*