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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2018

TO: Jason Guinasso, Chair
State Public Charter School Authority Board
Patrick Gavin, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Authority

FROM: Jaimarie Dagdagan, Program Analyst
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SUBJECT: Information Requested from the Interim Finance Committee

During the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting on October 24, 2018, the Committee expressed concerns regarding the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) not having performed evaluative site visits on sponsored charter schools due to a lack of a site visit protocol. Testimony provided by the SPCSA indicated this is primarily due to the SPCSA Board's direction to revise the performance framework based on additional stakeholder engagement meetings with sponsored charter schools. The SPCSA further testified during the IFC meeting that its sponsored charter schools have provided feedback indicating they would like to be notified of the date the evaluative site visit would occur, how the charter schools would be evaluated, and the rubric by which the charter school would be measured. Based on the testimony provided by the SPCSA, the IFC members expressed concerns with charter schools playing a role in how they would be regulated. Accordingly, please provide responses to the following:

1. Please indicate the factors that prompted the SPCSA Board to direct SPCSA staff to revise the performance framework.
2. Please indicate the concerns sponsored charter schools have expressed with the existing performance framework.
3. Please describe the role of SPCSA staff and the role of the SPCSA Board in developing the revised performance framework and the evaluative site visit protocol.
4. What are the planned duties of the new Education Programs Supervisor for Academic Quality position and Management Analyst position that were approved



by the 2017 Legislature? Will the positions conduct the evaluative site visits as indicated by the SPCSA during the 2017 Legislative Session?

5. Please indicate the role and involvement sponsored charter schools have in the development of the revised performance framework and the evaluative site visit protocol.
6. Please indicate the factors that prompted the SPCSA Board to include charter schools in the discussion to revise the performance framework and develop the site visit protocol. Please also indicate how the SPCSA Board will utilize the input from the sponsored charter schools in its final decisions regarding the establishment of a revised performance framework and a site visit protocol.
7. Please explain how the SPCSA Board determined that it was appropriate policy to allow regulated entities (sponsored charter schools) to assist in determining the means and methods by which they would be regulated and measured. What other state charter school authorizing agencies utilize a similar policy whereby input is provided by sponsored charter schools?
8. Please provide the timeline for which the SPCSA Board anticipates the revised performance framework and the evaluative site visit protocol would be finalized.

When providing your responses to the Committee, please include the questions in bold format and your response below each question. To facilitate this request, this memorandum is also provided to you electronically. **I would appreciate a response no later than Friday, December 7, 2018.**

Please contact me at (775) 684-6467 or jaimarie.dagdagan@lcb.state.nv.us should you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this regard.

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