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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Founders Academy of Las Vegas –Amendment Requesting a Change to the School’s Name
DATE: November 6, 2020

Summary of Request:

At its October 27, 2020 board meeting, the Founders Academy of Las Vegas board unanimously voted to formally change the school’s name to Founders Classical Academy of Las Vegas.

Within the amendment submission, the school explains that it has been their intention to change its name to better reflect the school’s mission, goals, pedagogy, and instructional materials. Moreover, the school is an affiliate school in a partnership with the *Barney Charter School Initiative* of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan whose primary goal is to bring classical instruction and pedagogy to public charter schools. The amendment application goes on to state that the new name, Founders Classical Academy of Las Vegas, better aligns to the school’s mission statement and clearly defines who and what the school is in name.

The school submitted this amendment, along with a Good Cause Exemption request, to approve new name of the school immediately.

Legal Authority:

[NAC 388A.330](#) requires that the governing body of a charter school must obtain approval from the sponsor (SPCSA) to change its name.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

SPCSA staff is recommending that the Authority grant the school’s Good Cause Exemption and approve the request of the school to change its name to Founders Classical Academy of Las Vegas. A proposed motion is provided below.

- **Proposed Motion: Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve the name change of Founders Academy of Las Vegas to Founders Classical Academy of Las Vegas.**