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### **ACTION MEMORANDUM**

| TO:      | SPCSA Board  |
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| FROM:    | Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing                            |
| SUBJECT: | Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada Amendment Request to Locate in a |
|          | Previously Approved Zip Code                                     |
| DATE:    | May 20, 2022   |

### Background

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada (Eagle) was approved by the SPCSA Board at the January 22, 2021 Board meeting to open in the fall of 2021. Shortly thereafter, the school and board requested a deferral to open for the 2022 - 23 school year. The Authority approved this request at its March 19, 2021 board meeting.

The school requested a second deferral to open in the 2022 - 23 school year, and this request was conditionally approved by the Authority at its January 28, 2022 meeting.

The Authority's approval on January 28, 2022 laid out a condition to provide evidence that the identified facility was under lease in May of 2022. In early April, SPCSA staff was notified that there were some potential issues with the identified facility at 1580 Bledsoe Lane. According to this amendment application, in recent weeks it became apparent that the previously identified facility no longer was no longer a realistic option for the school. The amendment application states Eagle is seeking permission to permanently locate in one of its originally approved zip codes, 89104, as a facility at 2025 E. Sahara has been identified on a workable timeline for the 2023 - 24 school year. The amendment goes on to note that the school is prepared to execute a lease in a timely manner, and that the bulk of the parent interest forms for the school originate from the 89104 zip code.

The amendment application notes that Eagle remains committed to opening and operating a quality school in an underserved school in Clark County, particularly the 89104 zip code. Additionally, Eagle states that the mission, vision, leadership, academic model, target community, and other components of the proposed school remain unchanged.

# **Summary and Recommendation**

SPCSA staff has been in close communication with leadership of Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada over the past several months to monitor their facility progress. Information provided to date indicates that if approved, the Eagle board will be able to provide the SPCSA with a fully executed lease by June 30, 2022. To ensure that the school remains on track to open in 2023, SPCSA staff recommends that other conditions attached to the January deferral remain in place, including:

- That the school provide evidence that a school leader has been hired by January 1, 2023.
- That the school continue to provide written, monthly updates through the incubation year.

Should the request be approved, SPCSA staff suggests the permitting condition include a timeline of February 1, 2023.

With these conditions, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority take action to approve Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada to locate in the 89104 zip code at the property identified in the amendment.

## **Proposed Motion**

Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve the amendment request submitted by Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada, permitting the school to locate in the 89104 at the proposed location of 2025 E. Sahara, with the following conditions:

- That the school provide a fully executed lease on or before June 30, 2022;
- That the school provide evidence that a school leader has been hired by January 1, 2023;
- That the school provide evidence that all zoning requirements have been fulfilled and that appropriate permits have been obtained by February 1, 2023; and
- That the school continue to provide written, monthly updates to SPCSA staff through the incubation year towards these conditions as well as a successful opening in the 2023 24 school year.

If approved, Eagle Nevada would have the following enrollment caps for the charter term:

| School Year                | 2023 – 24 | 2024 – 25 | 2025 – 26 | 2026 – 27 | 2027 – 28 | 2028 – 29        |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Total<br>Enrollment<br>Cap | 540       | 648       | 756       | 864       | 891       | 918 <sup>1</sup> |
| Grade Levels               | K – 5     | K – 6     | K – 7     | K – 8     | K – 8     | K – 8            |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Eagle anticipates enrolling 972 students in Year 8 of the school, during the second charter term should the school be renewed. This figure represents the school's initial enrollment cap at full-scale and as approved by the Authority on January 22, 2021.