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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Mark Modrcin, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: **Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada Amendment & Request to Defer Opening**
DATE: January 28, 2022

Background

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada 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 encountered significant facility issues and requested a deferral to open for the 2022 – 23 school year. The Authority approved this request at its March 19, 2021 board meeting.

Since that action by the Authority, Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada has worked to identify a viable facility for the 2022 – 23 school year and beyond. According to the amendment application, the school has identified a facility at 1580 Bledsoe Lane. The amendment states this facility has great potential, but requires a special use permit as well as construction to create a suitable space to implement the Eagle academic program as proposed in the approved charter application. The amendment goes on to note that the school has worked with Red Hook Capital Partners as well as a zoning attorney, and unfortunately, the school has determined that the necessary permits and construction can not be completed by June of 2022.

Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada remains committed to opening and operating a quality school in an underserved school in Clark County, but given the challenges outlined above, is requesting that the Authority grant a second deferral so as to allow the school to open for the 2023 – 24 school year. The amendment states that the identified facility, when remodeled, will accommodate 540 students in the first year of operations. This represents a small reduction in the initially approved Year 1 enrollment cap, but the school anticipates growing to its previously approved enrollment cap of 972 students at full-scale.

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. It is noteworthy, as detailed in the amendment, that the school has demonstrated progress against the conditions approved by the Authority in 2021. Specifically, the

board recently has taken action to reconstitute its board with five members. The amendment states that board training has occurred, and that a follow-up session is slated to occur in 2022. Evidence of community partnership is provided in this amendment submission. As such, the final condition attached to the school’s original approval was to hire a school leader. SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority keep this condition in place on a modified timeline given the school’s requested deferral, and finds that the school’s suggested timeline of July reasonable. This is noted in the proposed motion.

As a result, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority take action to defer the opening of Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada to the 2023 – 24 school year.

Proposed Motion

Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve the amendment request submitted by Eagle Charter Schools of Nevada to defer the school’s opening to the 2023 – 24 school year, with the following conditions:

- **That the school provide evidence of a fully-executed lease by May 1, 2022;**
- **That the school provide evidence that a school leader has been hired by August 1, 2022;**
- **That the school provide evidence that all zoning requirements have been fulfilled and that appropriate permits have been obtained by September 30, 2022; and**
- **That the school provide written, monthly updates to SPCSA staff beginning in March 2022 regarding progress 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 Enrollment Cap	540	648	756	864	891	918 ¹
Grade Levels	K – 5	K – 6	K – 7	K – 8	K – 8	K – 8

¹ Under this deferral, 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.