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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Training Regarding Governance Standards
DATE: June 27, 2022

Background

Assembly Bill 419, Section 3 (2021), now codified as NRS 388A.224, requires charter school sponsors to do three things: (1) Established governed standards for charter school boards; (2) For charter school sponsors to provide training, or approve other organizations or entities to provide training, regarding the charter school's sponsor's governance standards; and (3) *Requires charter school boards to participate in the charter school's sponsor's governance training, or another governance training approved by the charter school's sponsor, before a newly-approved charter school opens, and (for existing charter schools) at least every three years.*

In October of 2021, the SPCSA established charter school board Governance Standards, and those can be found here:

<https://charterschools.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/CharterSchoolsnvgov/content/Grocers/Governance%20Standards.2022.05.26.pdf>.

SPCSA-Provided Training

Over the summer the SPCSA will be offering several training opportunities for SPCSA-sponsored charter school boards. A copy of the training materials can be found here:

<https://charterschools.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/CharterSchoolsnvgov/content/Grocers/220601-Good-Governance-Training-PowerPoint-v7.pdf>. Three of these will be virtual training sessions,

and one will be an in-person training session in Las Vegas. The schedule for these training sessions are as follows, and each session will last approximately one hour:

- Friday, June 24, 2022 at 10:00 am (virtual)
- Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at noon (virtual)
- Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm (in person / Las Vegas)
- Friday, August 5, 2022 at 10: 00 am (virtual)

SPCSA staff has asked that SPCSA-sponsored charter school leaders to pass this information along to their respective board members and encourage them to register for one of the above-referenced trainings. The registration form can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5kCj5J64aE6OqhVE0nA5gMlDdJ3QcexGvgGmW7QaFMNUM1ExNU1LUkVVTTE4REI4TkVHUIFSMEZJNi4u>

While NRS 388A.224 requires governance training every three years, given turnover of charter school board members, we expect that we will also be providing several other opportunities throughout the year for charter school board members to participate in the required training sessions. We will also have a recording of one of the above-referenced training sessions available to charter school board members. Note that in addition to the mandates contained in NRS 388A.224, NRS 388A.320(3) also requires new charter school board members to submit information to the SPCSA that the charter school board member has received training or read and understands material concerning the roles and responsibilities of members of governing bodies of charter schools.

Approval of Other Organizations to Provide Training

SPCSA staff has also set up a process for other organizations and entities to provide the required training. Information regarding the approval process can be found on the SPCSA's governance section of the SPCSA website:

https://charterschools.nv.gov/ForSchools/Governance_Standards/.