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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on November 3, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the following location:

Nevada Department of Education
First Floor Board Room
2080 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Members of the public may also view the meeting online via the link on the SPCSA Public Notice web page: https://charterschools.nv.gov/News/Public_Notices/ or by using this link to access the Livestream directly: <https://bit.ly/SPCSABoardMeetingLivestream> (please note the link is case sensitive).

This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020.

Public Comment: Time for public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting regarding any agenda items on which action may be taken by the public body and again before the adjournment of the meeting on any matter within the jurisdiction of the State Public Charter School Authority. See NRS 241.020(2)(d)(3)(I). In addition to these two (2) public comment periods, public comment may also be taken during specific agenda items as noted on the agenda or at the discretion of the Authority Chair.

Public comment may also be provided telephonically by utilizing the following conference call line: 1-312-584-2401; extension 3952176#.

Finally, public comment may also be submitted in writing via email at publiccomment@spsca.nv.gov, and any such public comment received prior to or during the meeting will be provided to the Authority and included in the written minutes of the meeting.

A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Authority Chair, will be imposed on public comments in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Authority. Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint.

The Authority reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration.

The Authority is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Authority, in writing, at 2080 E. Flamingo Rd, Ste 230, Las Vegas, NV 89119; via email at jennifer.king@spsca.nv.gov; via phone at 702-486-8895.

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) Public Comment #1.
Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. See NRS 241.020. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Authority Chair may allow additional public comment at her discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter not on the agenda.
- 3) Consent Agenda.
 - a. Approval of September 11, 2023, October 3, 2023 and October 13, 2023 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the September 11, 2023, October 3, 2023 and October 13, 2023 Authority Board meetings.
 - b. Transportation Plans and Charter School Contract Amendment Applications.
 - i. Mater Academy of Nevada – Bonanza Campus
 - ii. Mater Academy of Nevada – East Campus
 - iii. Mater Academy of Nevada – Mountain View Campus

Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***
- 4) SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards. A member of the Authority will briefly discuss the Governance Standards recently adopted by the Authority pursuant to Assembly Bill 419 (2021).
Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 5) SPCSA Executive Director. Announcement of Melissa Mackedon as the new Executive Director of the SPCSA.
Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 6) SPCSA Executive Director’s Report. Interim Executive Director Bauer will provide the Authority with information and updates regarding the following:
 - a. Delinquent schools PERS contributions
 - b. Pre-Opening Process for Schools Opening in 2024
 - c. Growth Management Plan
 - d. 2024 Academic and Demographic Needs Assessment.

Jennifer Bauer, Interim Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 7) Girls Empowerment Middle School (GEMS). School representatives and SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with an update regarding the closure of GEMS at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
Jennifer Bauer, Interim Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 8) Revisions to the New Charter School Application Template and Rubric updates. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority Board with an update regarding revisions to the new charter school application and rubric.
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 9) Charter School Contract Amendment Applications. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with recommendations related to charter school contract amendment applications, and the Authority may approve or deny the following charter school contract amendment applications:
 - a. Nevada Prep – Addition of Grade Levels (no impact to approved enrollment cap)

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

10) Academic Performance Ratings. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with results under the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework for the 2022-23 school year. Possible action includes accepting the 2022-23 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings.

- a. Overview of 2022-23 Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) scores and star ratings as issued by the Nevada Department of Education.
- b. Overview of 2022-23 SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Selcuk Ozdemir, Manager of Academic Performance; Brandon Gaytán, Education Programs Professional. ***For Possible Action.***

11) Academic Performance Recommendations. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with recommendations regarding academic performance for the 2022-23 school year. Possible action includes removing prior Notices, issuing new Notices, and taking no action.

- a. Removal of Prior Notices for Academic Performance. SPCSA staff recommends Notices of Concern be removed from the specified charter schools due to the school achieving a 3-star or higher NSPF rating and a Meets or Exceeds Standard rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework.
 - i. Nevada Prep Charter School – elementary school (3-star and Meets Standard).
- b. Issuance of Notices of Concern for Academic Performance. SPCSA staff recommends Notices of Concern be issued to the specified charter schools due to the school receiving a one- or two-star NSPF rating and a Below or Does Not Meet Standard rating in the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. School presentations under this item will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each.
 - i. Battle Born Academy – elementary school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - ii. CIVICA Academy – elementary school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard) and middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - iii. Explore Academy – middle school (1-star and Below Standard);
 - iv. Honors Academy – elementary school (1-star and Below Standard);
 - v. Imagine Schools at Mountain View – elementary school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - vi. Nevada Virtual Charter School – middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - vii. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Virtual middle school (2-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - viii. Quest Academy – Northwest elementary school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - ix. Silver Sands Montessori Charter School – elementary school (1-star and Below Standard);
 - x. SLAM Nevada – elementary school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - xi. Somerset Academy of Las Vegas – North Las Vegas elementary school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard);
 - xii. TEACH Las Vegas – elementary school (1-star and Below Standard) and middle school (1-star and Does Not Meet Standard); and
- c. No Action. SPCSA staff recommends no action be taken regarding specified underperforming schools.
 - i. Beacon Academy of Nevada (1-star and Below Standard);

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Selcuk Ozdemir, Manager of Academic Performance; Brandon Gaytán, Education Programs Professional. ***For Possible Action.***

12) Long-Range Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its long-range calendar.

Jennifer Bauer, Interim Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***

13) Public Comment #2.

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter not on the agenda. See NRS 241.020(d)(3). No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Authority Chair may allow additional public comment at her discretion.

14) Adjournment.

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the State Public Charter School Authority's website, <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>, or by contacting Jennifer King, Board Secretary, at 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 230, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119; via email at jennifer.king@spsca.nv.gov, or via phone at 702-486-8895.

In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before October 30, 2023 as follows:

At the State Public Charter School Authority's website, <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>, and
At the State of Nevada's official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>.


At the following locations:

The State Public Charter School Authority, 2080 East Flamingo, First Floor Board Room and Suite 230, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119; and
The State Public Charter School Authority, located at 1749 North Stewart Street, Suite 40, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

That on or before October 30, 2023, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.



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