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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on August 25, 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/](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](mailto: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](mailto: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) Approval of July 28, 2023 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes. The Authority will review and possibly approve the action minutes from the July 28, 2023 Authority Board meeting.  
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’s Report. Executive Director Feiden will provide the Authority with information and updates regarding the following:
  - a. Star Ratings and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework Ratings for the 2022-23 school year  
Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 6) SPCSA Executive Director Update. The Board will be provided with an update regarding the resignation of Rebecca Feiden as the Executive Director of the SPCSA, and the search process for a new Executive Director.  
Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***For Possible Action.***
- 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.  
Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Ryan Herrick, General Counsel. ***Information/Discussion.***
- 8) 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. Oasis Academy – Construct and Occupy New Facility
  - b. PilotED – Cactus Park Elementary – Reduction in Enrollment Cap for 2023-24 school year
  - c. Rooted School – Clark County – Relocate to Permanent FacilityRebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***
- 9) Financial Performance Review and Recommendations for the 2021-22 School Year. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with school-level results and recommendations regarding financial performance for the 2021-22 school year, including issuing Notices of Concern.
  - a. 2021-22 SPCSA Financial Performance Framework Ratings
    - i. Doral Academy Nevada
    - ii. Pinecrest Academy of Nevada
    - iii. Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada
  - b. Issue Notices of Concern
    - i. Pinecrest Academy of Northern NevadaRebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Mike Dang, Finance and Organizational Manager. ***For Possible Action.***

10) Transportation Plans and Charter School Contract Amendment Applications. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 400 (2023 Legislative Session), SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with recommendations related to proposed charter school transportation plans and requests to amend school charter contracts to provide student transportation, as applicable, and the Authority may approve or deny the following:

- a. Battle Born Academy – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation
- b. Beacon Academy of Nevada – Transportation Plan
- c. Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation
- d. Discovery Charter School - Hillpointe Campus – Transportation Plan
- e. Discovery Charter School – Sandhill Campus – Transportation Plan
- f. Mariposa Language and Learning Academy – Transportation Plan
- g. Nevada Prep Charter School – Transportation Plan
- h. PilotED Cactus Park Elementary School – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation
- i. Sage Collegiate Public Charter School – Transportation Plan and Contract Amendment to Provide Transportation

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Mike Dang, Finance and Organizational Manager. ***For Possible Action.***

11) New Charter School Applications. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with staff’s recommendations related to the new charter school applications from the SPCSA’s 2023 application cycle and the Authority may approve or deny the following new school charter applicants:

- a. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence
- b. Mind Your Books
- c. Nevada Classical Academy
- d. Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy
- e. Thrive Point Academy of Nevada
- f. Vegas Vista Academy

Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director. ***For Possible Action.***

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

Rebecca Feiden, 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](mailto: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 August 18, 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 August 21, 2023, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.

  
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State Public Charter School Authority