



NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Friday, January 26, 2024
9:00AM

The State Public Charter School Authority board meeting was conducted in-person and virtually.

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:

Member Lee Farris
Member Jackson Olsen
Member Sandra Kinne

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

Chair Tonia Holmes-Sutton
Vice Chair Cindi Rivera
Member Victor Salcido
Member Kurt Thigpen
Member Shauntee Rosales

AUTHORITY STAFF AND ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT VIRTUALLY:

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON:

C Broughurst
Ricky Gourrier
John Haynal
Gia Maraccini

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY:

Shari Dunn

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MEETING MINUTES**

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair, of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), called the meeting to order at 9:01am, indicated that Vice Chair Rivera will be leading the meeting, and Member Olsen facilitated the pledge of allegiance. Vice Chair Rivera noted Member Kinne arrived at the meeting after roll call.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1

The Authority Board heard online public comments.

Written public comment can be found within the supporting materials.

1. Nevada State Education Association, regarding agenda item #7.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of December 8, 2023 SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes

Motion: Vice Chair Rivera outlined Consent Agenda from December 8, 2023, removing item 3c.i. Nevada Prep. Member Thigpen requested an update on Transportation funds. Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director, indicated she will provide information in her Executive Director’s report in Agenda Item 5.

Member Farris made the motion to approve the December 8, 2023 board meeting action minutes noting removal of item 3c.i. Nevada Prep. Member Olsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards

Member Olsen provided comment on standard 1. Focus on Student Growth, Achievement, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing, (boards should) *Regularly monitor progress toward internal goals and objectives as well as statewide performance expectations.*

Agenda Item 5 – SPCSA Executive Director’s Report

- a. Ty Whitaker - New board member effective February 1, 2024
- b. Delinquent schools PERS contributions, repayment plan
- c. New Charter Schools
- d. New Charter School Enrollment and Facilities
- e. Acing Accountability

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director provided the update.

Agenda Item 6 – New School Updates

Julia Qi, Interim Executive Director, Rooted Academy Las Vegas, provided an update on their pre-opening. Member Thigpen inquired about school leadership and transition process.

Agenda Item 7 – Charter School Contract Amendment Applications

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing, provided anecdote regarding MANN site visit November 7, 2023.

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III presented an amendment application for Mater Academy of Northern Nevada. The charter school intends to expand to a new campus for the 2025-26 school year, modify grade level configuration at the Boys and Girls Club campus from K-8 to K-5 beginning in the 2025-26 school year and add Distance Education. The SPCSA staff reviewed the application and recommends a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request with conditions.

Gia Maraccini, Mater Academy of Northern Nevada Principal, presented the following:

- i. Expansion to a new campus for 2025-26 school year
- ii. Modifying grade level configuration at Boys and Girls Club Campus from K-8 to K-5 beginning 2025-26 school year
- iii. Adding distance education

Written documentation can be found within the supporting materials.

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Motion: Member Farris made the motion to approve the amendment application and recommendation of a Good Cause Exemption with conditions for Mater Academy of Northern Nevada expand to a new campus for the 2025-26 school year, modify grade level configuration at the Boys and Girls Club campus from K-8 to K-5 beginning in the 2025-26 school year and add Distance Education with four conditions. Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

10 minute convenience break

Agenda Item 8 – Organizational Performance Review and Recommendations for 2022-23 School Year

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director, provided the Authority with school-level results and recommendations regarding Organizational Performance Framework ratings for the 2022-23 school year, including issuing Notices of Concern for Nevada Prep Charter School and Sage Collegiate Public Charter School.

Agenda Item 9 – SPCSA Annual Review and Overview of SPCSA-Sponsored Public Charter Schools

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director, presented the SPCSA’s Annual Report and progress towards meeting strategic goals. The information included a summary of the Nevada School Performance Framework results, state assessments, graduation rates, and demographic information as compared to statewide and school district information.

Agenda Item 10 – Growth Management Plan

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director, provided the Authority with an update on the revisions to the Growth Management Plan.

Motion: Member Olsen made the motion to approve the Growth Management Plan including an amendment of the language seeking equitable salaries for all charter school teachers. Chair Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 11 – Long-Range Calendar

Executive Director Mackedon walked through the long-range calendar.

Agenda Item 12 – Public Comment #2

Written public comment can be found within the supporting materials.

1. Lauren Duran-Berti, regarding agenda item #7.

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52AM.