



NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Friday, May 17, 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

Chair Dr. Tonia Holmes-Sutton
Member Dr. Jackson Olsen
Member Kurt Thigpen
Member Lee Farris
Member Tamika Shauntee Rosales
Member Ty Whitaker

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Vice Chair Cindi Rivera (joined at 9:13 am)
Member Sandra Kinne
Member Victor Salcido (offline from 10:15 am – 11:44 am)

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT & VIRTUAL

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Dr. Katherine Broughton, Director of Authorizing
Daniel Peltier, Management Analyst III

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON

Jena Wilcox-Laun
Joseles Salazar
Vince Medina
Ray Fraser
Tamara Shed
Monica Johnson
Jai Mallory
Tyrone Henderson
Timothy Smith
Carol Salazar
Aaron Ritter
Eric Clapeck
Kara Hendricks
Zaenz Flowers
Shelia Gilchrist
Jasmin Graciano
Jose Herrera
Josh Molina

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY

Andrea Shorter
Shambrion Treadwell
Sharlene Simpson

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Tonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), called the meeting to order at 9:01 am, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She requested that everyone take a moment of silence in remembrance of a student from one of our Charter Schools that recently passed away.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1

Jose Solorio
Joseles Salazar

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Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Consent Agenda, April 12, 2024, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes
- b. Approval of Transportation Plan for Do and Be Arts Academy of Excellence
- c. Amendment for reduction in enrollment for Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Spring campus and Virtual campus.

Motion on Consent Agenda: Member Thigpen made the motion to approve the consent agenda and the April 12, 2024, board meeting action minutes. Member Farris seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards

Member Salcido discussed the Governance Standard pursuant to Assembly Bill 419 (2021). Discussed the second standard: Ensure an Effective and Well-Run Organization.

Agenda Item 5 – SPCSA Executive Director’s Report. Melissa Mackedon, reported on the following:

- a. School Highlight – Positive things happening at our school. Highlight one school at each Board Meeting in report.
 - i. Mater Academy of Northern Nevada. Incentive Board for positive contacts with parents and families.
- b. Delinquent schools Pers contributions
- c. New Charter School Enrollment and Facility Update
- d. Exceptional Enrollment and Growth Audit
- e. Update on Performance Frameworks Revisions
- f. New Charter School Applications Received
- g. Federal Grants Administered by the SPCSA

Agenda Item 6 – New School Updates

Vincent Medina and colleagues from Thive Point provided a status update to the SPCSA Board.

Agenda Item 7 – Opportunity 180. Presented information on the Charter School Program (CSP) grant and Nevada Facility Fund (NVFF).

Agenda Item 8 – Eagle Charter School

SPCSA Executive Director Mackedon provided updates to the SPCSA Board (see memo update). Eagle Board members and School Leaders provided information and answered questions. Discussion ensued and Eagle staff and leadership committed to proactively working with the SPCSA staff to complete and correct outstanding items.

Agenda Item 9 – Feedback Solicitation of the SPCSA Language Access Plan

SPCSA Executive Director Melissa Mackedon provided history and an overview of the requirements for the plan. There have been slight changes to the plan, highlighted in gray. We will post the draft plan on our website to solicit public comment/feedback. Plan updates will be presented to the SPCSA Board at the June Board Meeting.

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Agenda Item 10 – Charter School Application Deadline.

Reviewed how adjustments to the timeframe would affect our applicant schools. SPCSA Executive Director Mackedon presented current processes and considerations to the SPCSA Board. Regulatory change require legislative support before any revisions can be made. Discussion ensued. SPCSA staff will gather additional information and present some options at the next scheduled SPCSA Board meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Student representative on the SPCSA Board.

SPCSA Executive Director Melissa Mackedon proposed that we have a student representative sit on the SPCSA Board. The student representative would be a non-voting member. It would also be beneficial for the student. Discussion ensued. SPCSA Executive Director will develop some criteria for student applicants and present a draft to the SPCSA Board at the next scheduled meeting in June.

Motion: Member Thigpen made a motion to approve and move forward with a non-voting student representative on the SPCSA board beginning in the fall of 2024. The SPCSA staff have been tasked with developing the specific criteria and present to the board at the next scheduled meeting. Member Farris seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 12 – Long-Range Calendar

Reviewed Long-Range Calendar - SPCSA Executive Director added some dates to include planned absences of Board members. Executive Director Mackedon requested that the board check their calendars for June, July and August, since it is a heavy travel time for some, to ensure that we have a quorum. Chair Dr. Sutton-Homes requested that we add designated board members providing review of Governance Standards to the calendar.

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment #2

No public comment. Member Shantee-Rosales wanted to congratulate the “Class of 2024” and provided some words of wisdom. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes! Make sure you take care of “self”!

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm