



## NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Friday, June 21, 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  
Vice Chair Cindi Rivera  
Member Dr. Jackson Olsen  
Member Kurt Thigpen  
Member Lee Farris  
Member Tamika Shauntee Rosales  
Member Sandra Kinne

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY**

Member Ty Whitaker (9:05 am)  
Member Victor Salcido

#### **AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT & VIRTUAL**

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director  
Samantha King Powell, Esq., General Counsel  
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing  
Mike Dang, Manager of Organizational and  
Financial Performance  
Daniel Peltier, Management Analyst III

#### **AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON**

John Haynal  
Tom Nichols  
Kara Hendricks  
Jai Mallory  
Patrice Tew  
Jose Herrera  
Monica Johnson  
Jasmin Graciano

#### **AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY**

Taunya Nesin	Eric Duran-Valle	Sherlene Simpson	Dr. Feinstein
Lewis Perlin	Ben Salkowe	Jonathan Johnson	Ali Taylor
Shambrion Treadwell	An Tran	Josh Padilla	Justin Baiardo
Tara Bergfeld	Kelly Wynveen	Rachelle G. Luna	John Etzell
Vince Medina	Alyssa Gould	Shelia Gilchrist	Miriam Benitez
Sherlene Simpson	Stacey Wise	Andrea Shorter	Sione Thompson
Anthony Curry	Callie Hatch		

#### **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 9:00 am, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1**

Ben Salkowe, Principal, Equipo  
DeRonda Williams, CEO, DWG Group

**Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Consent Agenda, May 17, 2024, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes
- b. SPCSA Language Access Plan
- c. COVID-19 Plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
- d. Strong Start Transportation Plan
- e. Amendments to Charter Contract
  - i. Amplus – Request to Occupy a Temporary Facility

**Motion on Consent Agenda:** Member Dr. Olsen made the motion to approve the consent agenda and the May 17, 2024, board meeting action minutes. Member Salcido seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards.**

Member Shantee Rosales discussed the Governance Standard. Reviewed the sixth standard and focused on: Develop and consider school policies and critical decisions transparently and in collaboration with the school community.

**Agenda Item 5 – West Ed.** Presented a draft of the new Performance Frameworks. Request that Board members to provide feedback by Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Reminder for board members to use the form provided for feedback.

**Agenda Item 6 – SPCSA Executive Director’s Report.** Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director provided:

- a. School highlight for Discovery Charter School. SPCSA staff wanted to highlight the school’s good work on implementing an effective school emergency plan. Great communication getting through a few difficult situations. Also, for ensuring their tasks were completed in a timely manner.
- b. PERS outstanding contributions
- c. Exceptional Enrollment and Growth Audits report

**Agenda Item 7 – New Schools Update.**

- a. Vegas Vista
- b. Thrive Point
- c. Do and Be Arts Academy
- d. Rooted

**Agenda Item 8 – Charter School Contract Amendment Applications.** Alpine Academy amendment to relocate facility and increase enrollment capacity. Presented by Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III

**Motion on Agenda Item 8:** Member Olsen made the motion to grant good cause exemption to approve Alpine Academy’s request to relocate its facility to 1421 Pullman Drive, Sparks, NV 89434 and increase its enrollment cap through the remainder of its charter term and through the 2028-29 school year contingent upon conditions. Member Farris seconded the motion.

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The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 9 – Eagle Charter School.**

Executive Director Mackedon provided a summary and history resulting in the recommendation to the SPCSA Board of issuing Eagle Charter School a Notice of Termination.

**Motion on Agenda Item 9:** Member Farris made the motion to terminate the charter contract for Eagle Charter School due to owing the Nevada Department of Education \$837,085.27, failure to comply with generally accepted standards of fiscal management, and failure to provide an accurate, balanced budget showing financial viability and educational personnel for the 2024-2025 school year. Further, Eagle shall not enroll additional students until this matter is resolved. Member Shauntee Rosales seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 10 – TEACH Las Vegas.** TEACH Las Vegas’s board surrendered their charter contract on June 5, 2024. TEACH Board Chair Anthony Curry answered SPCSA board questions on the matter.

**Motion on Agenda Item 10:** Member Farris made a motion to accept the recent action by the TEACH Las Vegas to surrender their charter contract and close the school, approve the appointment of Josh Kern to be the administrator overseeing the TEACH closure process, and approve the school’s closure plan as submitted, and direct the SPCSA staff to work with Josh Kern to ensure all closure requirements are met. Member Shantee Rosales seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**The motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 11 – Financial Performance Review and Recommendations for the 2022-23 school year, including issuing Notice of Concern and Notices of Breach.** Presented by Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing and Mike Dang, Manager of Organizational and Financial Performance.

- a. 2022-23 SPCSA Financial Performance Ratings
- b. Issue Notice of Concern
- c. Issue Notices of Breach

**Motion for Agenda Item 11a:** Member Thigpen made a motion to Adopt the Financial Performance Framework results presented for the following three schools for fiscal year 22-2023 for all eight indicators. Equipo Academy, Explore Academy, Nevada Prep and Pinecrest Academy of Nevada. Vice Chair Rivera seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** **was** **approved.**

**Motion for Agenda 11b Equipo:** Member Farris made a motion to issue a Notice of Concern under the Financial Performance Framework to Equipo Academy and require the school to develop and submit a financial improvement plan and provide quarterly updates regarding the status and progress of the improvement plan, including progress in correcting any findings. Member Thigpen seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

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**Motion for Agenda Item 11c Nevada Prep:** After lengthy discussion, Member Thigpen made a motion to reject the SPCSA Staff recommendation for a Notice of Breach and instead opted to have Nevada Prep Charter School remain under the current Financial Performance Framework Notice of Concern, under the condition that Nevada Prep submit financial reports monthly. Member Whitaker seconded the motion. 8 Yea: Chair Dr. Holmes-Sutton; Vice Chair Rivera; Member Shantee Rosales; Member Whitaker; Member Farris; Member Salcido; Member Thigpen; Member Kinne; 1 Nay: Member Dr. Olsen.

**Motion was approved.**

**Motion for Agenda Item 11c Explore:** Member Thigpen made a motion to issue a Notice of Breach under the Financial Performance Framework to Explore Academy and require the school to develop and submit financial improvement plans and provide monthly updates regarding the implementation of those improvement plans, including progress in correcting any findings. Member Shantee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 12 – Student Representative for SPCSA Board.** SPCSA Staff described the criteria for applicants and discussed the application process.

**Motion for Agenda Item 12:** Member Farris made a motion to approve moving forward with having a student representative on the SPCSA Board beginning in the fall 2024. Member Shantee Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 13 – Election of SPCSA Board Vice Chair.** This is Vice Chair Rivera’s last meeting. Elect a new Vice Chair. Member Farris made a recommendation to nominate Member Thigpen. Member Shantee Rosales seconded the nomination. Members of the board voted unanimously to have Member Thigpen represent the SPCSA board as Vice Chair.

**Agenda Item 14 – Long-Range Calendar**

**Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment #2**

Mike Glauser, Odyssey Partners, Property Owner of Eagle Facility

**Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment 1:56 pm.**