



NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Friday, July 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

Vice Chair Kurt Thigpen
Member Dr. Jackson Olsen (9:09 am)
Member Ty Whitaker
Member Tamika Shauntee Rosales

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Member Victor Salcido
Member Dr. Ivet Aldaba
Member Courtney Stern

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT & VIRTUAL

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Samantha King Powell, Esq., General Counsel
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
Daniel Peltier, Management Analyst III
Marinna Cutler, Director of School Support
Dr. Selcuk Ozdemir, Education Programs Sup.
Karen Gordon, Education Programs Professional
Dr. Denise Shaw, Education Programs Professional
Gretchen Pfahler, Education Programs Professional
Megan Morgan, MTSS Project Facilitator
John Pilotin, Education Programs Professional

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON

Tambre Tondryk
Mary Kay Bellinger
Brian Kale
Selena Torres
Ryan Reeves
Vince Medina

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY

Andrea Damore	Dr. Feinstein	Hector Gonzalez
Aimee Evan	Tara Bergfeld	Dusty Casey
Rochelle Tisdale	Eric Duran-Valle	Amanda Barbosa
Kelly Wynveen	Shambrion Treadwell	Michael O'Dowd
Shivaun McCloud	Renisha O'Donnell	
Ariel Dunson	Shay McGree	

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

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Kurt Thigpen, Vice Chair of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1

None.

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of June 21, 2024, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes.
- b. Approval of Transportation Plan for
 - i. Thrive Point Academy of Nevada
 - ii. Equipo Academy
- c. Amendment to Charter Contract
 - i. Young Women’s Leadership Academy – Request to Eliminate Grade Levels for the 2024-25 School Year

Motion on Consent Agenda: Member Shantee Rosales made the motion to approve the consent agenda and the June 21, 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. State Public Charter School Authority Performance Framework Revisions.

Motion on Agenda Item 5: Member Shantee Rosales made the motion to approve the updated Performance Framework as presented today. Member Olsen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 6 – SPCSA Executive Director’s Report.

- a. Introduce new board members
- b. School Highlight
- c. Delinquent schools PERS contributions
- d. Exceptional Enrollment and Growth Audit results
- e. Update on Student Representative on the SPCSA board

Agenda Item 7 – Beacon Academy of Nevada. Beacon Academy school leaders and board members provided the Authority with an update on the implementation of the alternative school model.

Agenda Item 8 – Charter School Contract Amendment Applications.

- a. Request for enrollment cap increase
 - i) Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Sloan Campus
 - ii) Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Cadence Campus
- b. Request to contract with EMO - Oasis Academy

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c. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence – item moved to Agenda Item 9.

Motion on Agenda Item 8a: Member Shantee Rosales made the motion to grant good cause exemption to approve Pinecrest Academy of Las Vegas’ request to increase the enrollment caps at the Cadence and Sloan Canyon campuses for the 2024-25 school year and beyond. Member Salcido seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Motion on Agenda Item 8b: Member Aldaba made the motion to grant good cause exemption and approve the request of Oasis to enter into an Educational Management Organization agreement with Academica Nevada. Member Whitaker seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9 - New Schools Updates. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide updates regarding new charter schools that are slated to open in the 2024-25 school year, including possible deferment.

- a. Thrive Point Academy of Nevada
- b. Vegas Vista Academy
- c. Rooted School Las Vegas
- d. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence

Motion on Agenda Item 9c: Member Whitaker made a motion to approve the request of Rooted School Las Vegas to defer the school’s opening to the 2025-2026 school year, and that the school complete the pre-opening process and fulfill all outstanding, unique conditions attached to the school’s approval from November 2022.

Member Aldaba seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Motion on Agenda Item 9d: Member Olsen made a motion to approve the request of Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence to defer the school’s opening to the 2025-2026 school year, and require the school complete the pre-opening process and fulfill all outstanding, unique conditions attached to the school’s approval from August 2023.

Member Whitaker seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 10 – Charter School Application Training.

Agenda Item 11 – Project AWARE Grant and MTSS Report.

Agenda Item 12 – Charter Application Window.

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Motion on Agenda Item 12: Member Shauntee Rosales made a motion to modify the current new charter application cycle to have new charter applications be submitted from January 15-31. Direct staff to work through the regulatory process and make necessary changes by the 2026 new charter application cycle.

Member Whitaker seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 13 – Report on Site Evaluations.

Agenda Item 14 – Long-Range Calendar

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment #2

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment 1:12 pm.