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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing  
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**SUBJECT:** Transfer of Sponsorship: FuturEdge Charter Academy  
**DATE:** January 24, 2025

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**Background and Summary**

FuturEdge Charter Academy (FuturEdge) has applied to transfer charter school sponsorship from the Clark County School District (CCSD) to the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA). FuturEdge is a brick-and-mortar public charter school that currently serves 259 students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Clark County.

FuturEdge originally opened as the 100 Academy of Engineering and Technology and assumed the current name in June 2024. FuturEdge began contracting with an Education Management Organization (EMO), Support Solutions Services (SSS), in 2020.

The mission of the school is “FuturEdge is dedicated to reshaping education for the future by blending Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) with a focus on essential digital skills for AI development.” FuturEdge’s mission centers on preparing students for success in high school, college, and careers, with a focus on critical thinking, innovation, and adaptability in fields like business, technology, and the arts. The school offers specialized programs in robotics, performing arts, Project Lead the Way, and the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE).

On September 26, 2024, Clark County School District approved Innovations International Charter School of Nevada’s request to change sponsorship to the SPCSA. On November 10, 2024, FuturEdge submitted their Letter of Intent to apply for transfer, and the completed application was submitted to the SPCSA on November 24, 2024.

After a thorough review of the historical data and the Charter School Sponsorship Transfer Application, staff recommend that the Authority approve the charter sponsorship transfer of FuturEdge Charter Academy, and that the school be given a 3-year charter contract.

**The Process Related to Charter School Sponsorship Transfer Application and the Standards Under Which an Application for Sponsorship Transfer Will be Granted**

SPCSA staff began meeting with Clark County School District representatives and their charter schools in the spring of 2024 to discuss the transfer process and timelines. Schools were granted access to Epicenter to make operational decisions and determine if additional staffing was required to transfer to the SPCSA successfully. The Authority approved the Charter School Sponsorship Application on August 23, 2024, and that information was shared with the CCSD Charter Schools. SPCSA staff met with Infinite Campus on September 3, 2024, to outline the necessary procedures to transfer the CCSD charter schools from the CCSD Infinite Campus to the SPCSA Infinite Campus. It was determined that if CCSD charter schools were going to transfer sponsorship in time for the 2025 –2026 school year, they would need to submit their applications by November 2024.

At least fourteen days before submitting their application, each charter school notified SPCSA staff of its intent to apply and identified a liaison. Schools submitted their board-approved application by November 24, 2024. Those applications included detailed narratives about the school's academic program and any achievement gaps in student outcomes, financial data, student demographics, family engagement, and the governing board. If the school contracts with a CMO or EMO, that information was also included. SPCSA staff gathered and reviewed each school's CCSD Performance Framework and site evaluation reports.

Final recommendations to the Authority are based on [R073-23](#), including evidence that the school is in sound financial condition and is meeting standards on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) or that the request for change in sponsorship has been approved by the current sponsor. When determining charter school contract length, the following guidelines were used:

Term Length	Description
3-5 years	Inconsistently meets performance expectations
6 years	Consistently meets performance expectations
7-10 years	Exceeds performance expectations

The Authority Board may approve a charter contract for a term of three (3) to ten (10) years or deny the request for sponsorship transfer.

**Analysis**

*Academics*

FuturEdge Charter Academy offers instruction in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The following table outlines the school's performance on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF).

School Year	Elementary School Index Score and Rating	Middle School Index Score and Rating
2018 – 2019	28.5 / 2-star	45.0 / 2-star
2019 – 2020	N/A	N/A
2020 – 2021	N/A	N/A
2021 – 2022	8.8 / Not Rated	12.2 / Not Rated
2022 – 2023	27.5 / 2-star	39.4 / 2-star

2023 – 2024	19.0 / 1-star	30.0 / 2-star
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As the Authority is aware, due to COVID-19, NSPF school ratings and accountability for the 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 school years were carried over from the 2018 – 2019 reporting year. Additionally, star ratings were not calculated for the 2021 – 2022 school year, but the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) published index scores. The NDE resumed calculating star ratings in the 2022 – 2023 school year.

FuturEdge Charter Academy received the following CCSD Academic Performance Framework ratings.

School Year	Academic Performance Ratings
2018 – 2019	Does Not Meet Standards
2019 – 2020	Does Not Meet Standards
2020 – 2021	Does Not Meet Standards
2021 – 2022	N/A
2022 – 2023	Does Not Meet Standards
2023 – 2024	Falls Below Standards

*Organizational*

FuturEdge Charter Academy received the following CCSD Organizational Performance Framework ratings.

School Year	Organizational Performance Ratings
2018 – 2019	Does Not Meet Standards
2019 – 2020	Does Not Meet Standards
2020 – 2021	Does Not Meet Standards
2021 – 2022	Does Not Meet Standards
2022 – 2023	Does Not Meet Standards
2023 – 2024	Falls Below Standards

*Financial*

FuturEdge Charter Academy received the following CCSD Financial Performance Framework ratings.

School Year	Financial Performance Ratings
2018 – 2019	Falls Below Standards
2019 – 2020	Falls Below Standards
2020 – 2021	Falls Below Standards
2021 – 2022	Does Not Meet Standards
2022 – 2023	Does Not Meet Standards
2023 – 2024	Does Not Meet Standards

*Site Evaluations*

Clark County School District conducted a three-year charter school site evaluation during the 2019 – 2020 school year and a five-year charter school site evaluation during the 2021 – 2022 school year.

In the three-year charter school site evaluation report, FuturEdge was found to have deficiencies in the academic, financial, and organizational and operational components of the performance framework. Clark County School District voted to reconstitute the governing body of the school in 2019. The school hired a new principal and renegotiated financial agreements to improve school finance. Clark County School District staff met with school leadership monthly to examine progress and provide guidance and support.

In the five-year charter school site evaluation report, FuturEdge was found to have deficiencies in the academic, financial, and organizational components of the performance framework. This report again referenced the reconstitution of the school’s board and noted that both schools demonstrated improvement in the NSPF during the 2018 – 2019 school year. Deficiencies in the financial and organizational frameworks were noted but no detail was provided. The report indicated that CCSD continued to work closely with the school’s governing board members to assist the school in improving all areas of the performance framework.

*Governing Board*

As part of the review of the application, SPCSA staff reviewed the make-up of FuturEdge Charter Academy’s governing board. The board currently has nine members and **is not in compliance with** the board membership requirements outlined in [NRS 388A.320](#). The board does not currently have a parent of an enrolled student on the board. A board member roster has been included with the supporting documents posted with this agenda item.

**Proposed Motion**

*Approve the FuturEdge Charter Academy application to transfer charter school sponsorship from Clark County School District to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority with a 3-year charter contract with the following conditions and enrollment caps:*

- 1. By July 1, 2025, provide evidence that FuturEdge Academy has added a parent of an enrolled student to the governing board and that the board is in full compliance with NRS 388A.420.*

<b>School Year</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8
Enrollment	325	325	325