



STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The State Public Charter School Authority will conduct a public meeting on April 18, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the following location:

Nevada Department of Education
2080 East Flamingo Road, 1st Floor Board Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

Members of the public may also view the meeting online via the link on the SPCSA Public Notice web page:
https://charterschools.nv.gov/News/Public_Notices/ or by using this link to access the Livestream directly:

https://www.youtube.com/@nevada_spcsalive

This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020.

Public Comment: Time for public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting regarding any agenda items on which action may be taken by the public body and again before the adjournment of the meeting on any matter within the jurisdiction of the State Public Charter School Authority. See NRS 241.020(2)(d)(3)(I). In addition to these two public comment periods, public comment may also be taken during specific agenda items as noted on the agenda or at the discretion of the Authority Chair.

Public comment may also be provided telephonically by utilizing the following conference call line: +1 775-321-6111. Phone Conference ID: 308 877 685#. During the public comment periods, callers will dial *5 to raise their hand. The moderator will call out the last 4 numbers of the caller's phone number, at that time you will dial *6 to unmute and make comment.

Finally, public comment may also be submitted in writing via email at publiccomment@spcsa.nv.gov, and any such public comment received prior to or during the meeting will be provided to the Authority and included in the written minutes of the meeting.

A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Authority Chair, will be imposed on public comments in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Authority. Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint.

The Authority reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration.

The Authority is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Authority, in writing, at 500 E. Warm Springs, Suite 116, Las Vegas, NV 89119; via email at info@spcsa.nv.gov; via phone at 702-486-8895.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Comment #1. *Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. See NRS 241.020. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Authority Chair may allow additional public comment at her discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter not on the agenda.*
3. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. March 14, 2025, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes.
 - b. Charter School Contract Amendment Applications – reduction to enrollment caps:
 - i. Signature Preparatory Academy
 - ii. Silver Sands MontessoriTonia Holmes-Sutton, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***
4. SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards. A member of the Authority will briefly discuss the Governance Standards adopted by the Authority pursuant to Assembly Bill 419 (2021). Kurt Thigpen, Vice Chair. ***Information and Discussion.***
5. SPCSA Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Mackedon will provide the Authority with information and updates regarding the following:
 - a. School Highlight
 - b. Delinquent schools PERS contributions
 - c. TEACH & Eagle Closure Update
 - d. Organizational Performance Framework Quality Indicators
 - e. Legislative Update
 - f. Current Events in Public EducationMelissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information and Discussion.***
6. New Schools Updates. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide updates regarding certain new charter schools approved to open in the Fall of 2025.
 - a. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence
 - b. Rooted School Las VegasMelissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information and Discussion.***
7. Charter School Contract Amendment Applications. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with recommendations related to charter school contract amendment applications, and the Authority may approve or deny the following charter school amendment applications based on NRS 388A.276 and NRS 388A.279
 - a. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence – Request to Alter Grade Level Offerings
 - b. Rooted School Las Vegas – Request to Alter Grade Level OfferingsDanny Peltier, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action***
8. CCSD School Transfers to SPCSA Presentation. SPCSA staff and school representatives will provide updates regarding certain charter schools approved to transfer to SPCSA sponsorship in the Fall of 2025.

a. Odyssey Charter Schools of Nevada

b. Explore Knowledge Academy

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. **Information and Discussion.**

9. Acquisition Agreement. Staff will provide the historical context and recommend approval of an Acquisition Agreement between pilotEd Cactus Park and Mater Academy of Nevada.

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director; Samantha King Powell, General Counsel. **For Possible Action.**

10. Financial Performance Ratings for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. SPCSA staff will provide the Authority with charter holder level results under the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for the 2023- 2024 fiscal year.

a. 2023-2024 SPCSA Financial Performance Framework Ratings

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. **For Possible Action.**

11. Removal of Prior Notices for Financial Performance. SPCSA staff recommends Notices of Concern be removed from the specified charter holders due to the school achieving a Meet Standard rating on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. CIVICA Nevada Career and Collegiate Academy

b. Democracy Prep Nevada

c. Mater Academy of Nevada

d. Signature Preparatory

e. Sports Leadership and Management Academy Nevada

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. **For Possible Action.**

12. Battle Born Academy – SPCSA staff recommends the Notice of Concern be continued for the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Continue the Notice of Concern for Battle Born Academy.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. **For Possible Action.**

13. Discovery Charter School – SPCSA staff recommends the Notice of Concern be continued for the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Continue the Notice of Concern for Discovery Charter School.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. **For Possible Action.**

14. Equipo Academy – SPCSA staff recommends the Notice of Concern be continued for the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Continue the Notice of Concern for Equipo Academy.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. **For Possible Action.**

15. Explore Academy – SPCSA staff recommends the Notice of Breach be continued for the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Continue the Notice of Breach for Explore Academy.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

16. Mater Academy of Northern Nevada – SPCSA staff recommends no action for the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. No Action for Mater Academy of Northern Nevada.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

17. Nevada Prep Charter School – SPCSA staff recommends a Notice of Breach be issued to the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Issue a Notice of Breach to Nevada Prep Charter School.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

18. pilotED Cactus Park – SPCSA staff recommends a Notice of Breach be issued to the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Issue a Notice of Breach to pilotED Cactus Park.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

19. Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada – SPCSA staff recommends the Notice of Concern be continued for the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Continue the Notice of Concern for Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

20. Sage Collegiate Public Charter School – SPCSA staff recommends a Notice of Breach be issued to the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Issue a Notice of Breach to Sage Collegiate Public Charter School.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

21. Southern Nevada Trades High School – SPCSA staff recommends a Notice of Concern be issued to the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Issue a Notice of Concern to Southern Nevada Trades High School.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

22. Young Women's Leadership Academy – SPCSA staff recommends a Notice of Concern be issued to the specified charter holder due to the ratings on the SPCSA Financial Performance Framework for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The school presentation under this item will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.

a. Issue a Notice of Concern to Young Women's Leadership Academy.

Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing; Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III. ***For Possible Action.***

23. Long-Range Calendar. The Board will review and discuss its long-range calendar.
Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director. ***Information and Discussion.***
24. Public Comment #2. *Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter not on the agenda. See NRS 241.020(d)(3). No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Authority Chair may allow additional public comment at her discretion.*
25. Adjournment.

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the State Public Charter School Authority's website, <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>, or by contacting Teresa Potter, Board Secretary, at 500 E. Warm Springs, Ste. 116, Las Vegas, NV 89119

In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before April 11, 2025, as follows:

At the State Public Charter School Authority's website, <http://charterschools.nv.gov/>, and

At the State of Nevada's official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>.

At the following locations:

The State Public Charter School Authority, 3427 Goni Road, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706

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DECLARATION OF POSTING

Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

That on or before 4/11/2025 at 5:00 pm, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.

Teresa Potter
State Public Charter School Authority