



NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

Friday, March 14, 2025
9:00AM

The State Public Charter School Authority board meeting was conducted virtually.

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Chair Dr. Holmes-Sutton
Vice Chair Thigpen
Member Stern
Member Haddad Bennett
Member Dr. Aldaba
Student Representative Birru

AUTHORITY STAFF VIRTUAL

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Samantha King Powell, Esq., General Counsel
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III
Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins, Management Analyst III

PRESENTER/PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY

Dr. Greta Peay	R. Brett Willis	Jeffrey Hernandez	Richard Santigate
KC Guthrie	Julie Carver	Mike Martial	Autur Glants
Erin Phillips	Mark Viera	Astrid Perez	Ejigu Birru
Shubham Pandey	Shambrion Treadwell	Merina Hansen	Annette Dawson Owens
Renisha O'Donnell	Ali Taylor	Dr. Jesse Walsh	Timothy Gadson

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Holmes-Sutton, Chair of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1

No Public Comment

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Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

- a. January 24, 2025, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes.
- b. Charter School Contract Amendment Applications – reduction to enrollment caps:
 - i. CIVICA
 - ii. Explore Academy
 - iii. Nevada State High School – Flagship
 - iv. Nevada State High School - Meadowwood
 - v. Southern Nevada Trades High School
 - vi. Young Women’s Leadership Academy

Motion on Consent Agenda Item 3: Vice Chair Thigpen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Haddad Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Charter School Contract Amendment Applications.

Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III provided the Authority with recommendations related to charter school contract amendment applications, for the Authority to approve or deny the following charter school amendment applications based on NRS 388A.276 and NRS 388A.279

- a. Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy of Nevada – Request to Alter Grade Level Offerings and Enter into an Articulation Agreement with FuturEdge Charter Academy
- b. FuturEdge Charter Academy – Request to Enter into an Articulation Agreement with Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy of Nevada

Motion on Agenda Item 4a: Vice Chair Thigpen made a motion to grant Pioneer Technology and Arts Academy of Nevada’s Good Cause Exemption request and approve PTAAN’s request to modify grade level offerings, co-locate with FuturEdge Charter Academy, and enter into an Articulation Agreement with FuturEdge Charter Academy using the enrollment cap and outlined timeline. Member Haddad Bennett seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Motion on Agenda Item 4b: Vice Chair Thigpen made a motion to grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve FuturEdge’s request to enter into an Articulation Agreement with PTAAN for 8th grade students for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years and approval of the enrollment cap as outlined in the recommendation memo. Member Aldaba seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5 – SPCSA Revolving Loan Applications.

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director, provided the Authority Board with recommendations regarding the revolving Loan application for:

- a. Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence

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Motion on Agenda Item 5a: Vice Chair Thigpen made a motion to approve the Do and Be Revolving Loan Fund Application for \$80,000. Allow SPCSA staff to work with the school to make budget revisions based on the available balance in the Revolving Loan account and the number of students enrolled as long as the total funding does not exceed the lesser of \$200,000 or \$500 per student enrolled at time of funds disbursement. Member Stern seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Comment #2

No Public Comment.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment at 10:43 am.