

## **Initial Report**

**Joshua Kern, Closing Administrator, Battle Born Academy**

**Nevada State Public Charter School Authority Meeting**

**June 27, 2025**

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### **Background**

On June 18, 2025, the Board of Directors of Battle Born Academy voted unanimously to close the school and relinquish its charter. This difficult decision reflected the Board's conclusion that the school's academic and financial operations were no longer sustainable. I was appointed as the Closing Administrator by the Board at that same meeting.

### **Key Activities**

Since my appointment, and with the steadfast support of BBA's administrative team, we have taken the following steps to ensure an orderly wind-down:

- BBA executed Purchase and Sale Agreements with Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence and Wylees to sell and donate all of BBA's furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE). Wylees picked up its items on June 25; Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence on June 26 and today.
- BBA transferred all student records and confidential personnel files to secure storage.
- BBA removed physical signage and vacated the school building. (Our plan is to turn over the keys to the landlord by midnight tonight.)
- BBA secured new office space at 376 East Warm Springs Road, Suite 255, Las Vegas, NV 89129.
- BBA modified vendors with leased equipment to retrieve their items this week or risk forfeiture.
- BBA coordinated with World of Evangelism Faith Ministries to transfer their Use Agreement directly to the landlord to ensure continuity of services.
- BBA sent written notice to families informing them of the school's closure and my appointment, along with materials to support school transitions.
- BBA initiated the termination process for all staff through the PERS system.

- BBA updated the school's website and social media accounts to reflect closure status.
- I assumed control of BBA's two bank accounts and coordinated with EdTec, the school's back-office provider, to assess BBA's financial position.
- BBA finalized and memorialized an agreement with BBA's single largest creditor to convert approximately \$150,000 in outstanding debt into a charitable donation.
- BBA suspended all payments to general unsecured creditors in recognition that the school is no longer a going concern and to ensure equitable treatment among similarly situated parties.

Over the coming weeks, we will, among other things:

- Contact vendors to reconcile contracts and request outstanding invoices.
- Complete all necessary filings with PERS.
- Collect remaining receivables.
- Submit required reports to state and chartering authorities.
- Maintain necessary insurance coverage.
- Close out the books for FY 2024–25.
- Begin the formal closeout audit.

To date, there are no indications of preferential payments prior to my appointment. All assets appear to have been properly preserved. I would like to commend Kathy, Katie, and the BBA staff for their thorough and responsible handling of pre-closure operations.

### **Student Placement Efforts**

BBA began proactively supporting student transitions as early as May. Family information sessions were held on May 7, 8, and 21 to share details about the school's closure and assist with school placement.

Kathy Rudd and Katie Krackhardt will continue to lead outreach efforts to families who have not yet enrolled in another school and remains committed to ensuring each family has the information and support they need.

### **Compliance and Reporting**

All activities to date have been guided by the applicable provisions of NRS and the Charter School Authority's closure protocols. Upon completion of the wind-down process, I will

submit a comprehensive final report for the Authority's records, including the results of the final audit and confirmation that all known obligations have been resolved.

### **Acknowledgments**

Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation to:

- Kathy Rudd and Katie Krackhardt for their continued leadership and grace during this transition.
- Landlord Mike Colvin and his team for their support in facilitating our exit from the property.
- And Samantha King Powell and Melissa Mackedon for their guidance and commitment to ensuring a responsible and student-centered closure process.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.