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Greetings to the Members of the Authority. My name is Avalon Korringa, and I am a resident here in Las Vegas.

I want to begin by acknowledging the important work this Authority does. Your commitment to transparency, particularly how you notice your meetings and make materials available, sets a clear standard for every charter school in the state. I have personally watched the SPCSA's training videos on the Open Meeting Law and on Governance, and I believe they paint a very clear picture of what is expected from the schools under your jurisdiction. It is because I respect these standards that I am here today.

I am speaking on **Agenda Item 4: SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards**. Strong governance is the backbone of a successful school. While I know many charter schools in Nevada operate with integrity, I must bring to your attention a severe and ongoing failure of governance at Sage Collegiate Charter School.

The Nevada Attorney General's Office, in a formal opinion dated June 26, 2025 [attached], found Sage Collegiate's governing board in clear violation of the Nevada Open Meeting Law. These were not minor errors. They were significant failures that obstructed public access, including failing to provide proper notice for meetings, failing to provide meeting minutes as required by law, and illegally restricting public comment.

What is worse is these are not isolated incidents. At the most recent Sage board meeting, *the very same meeting where the board was required to address its OML violations*, my neighbor and I were illegally kicked out of the virtual-only meeting just ten minutes after it began. This prevented us from offering our public comments later in the meeting. Furthermore, my written comment, submitted well in advance, was not provided to the board until after the meeting had already concluded. This is not the transparent governance that you say you expect and that the public deserves.

I urge this Authority to ensure that your plans for oversight are strong enough to uphold the governance standards you are discussing today. The current process, which, I believe, relies on board self-evaluation, is clearly not working. It allows a non-compliant board to tell you they are doing a great job, which fosters an environment where a school can engage in blatant non-compliance without consequence.

I ask you to please consider what actionable steps the SPCSA will take to hold schools like Sage Collegiate accountable and ensure its governing board is brought into compliance with state law and your own high standards.

Thank you so much for your time and for your leadership on this issue.

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