



NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

**Friday, July 25, 2025
9:00AM**

The State Public Charter School Authority board meeting was conducted in-person and virtually.

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Thigpen
Vice Chair Haddad Bennett
Member Dr. Aldaba
Member Dr. Holmes-Sutton
Member Richards

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Member Whitaker

SPCSA STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Samantha King Powell, Esq., General Counsel
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III

Dr. Selcuk Ozdemir, Education Programs Supervisor
Karen Gordon, Education Programs Professional
Brandon Gaytán, Education Programs Professional
Gretchen Pfahler, Education Programs Professional
John Pilotin, Education Programs Professional

PRESENTER/PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

Mike Taack Molly Peckler

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Kurt Thigpen, Chair of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1. Public Comment in person or telephonically provided by:

No Public Comment

Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda

- a. June 27, 2025, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes.

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Motion on Consent Agenda Item 3: Vice Chair Haddad Bennett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Dr. Holmes-Sutton seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards.

Member Whitaker reviewed Governance Standard #4, “Commit to Long-Term Success”. Understanding the State Public Charter School Authority’s strategic plan and priorities and work to create alignment between the Authority’s goals and school’s goals. It’s important for the board to take into consideration when staff is making recommendations, it’s important that this board regularly revisits the performance standards. It’s a roadmap for long-term success. Regularly assessing the board’s effectiveness in meeting these Governance Standards and achieving strategic goals.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Director’s Report

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director, provided the Authority Board with the Executive Director’s report.

- a. School Highlight –Mater Mountain Vista, East, and Bonanza: These three Mater campuses take safe school pick-up to the next level. Protocols were shared with families at the beginning of the school year, so expectations and traffic rules appeared to be well understood.
Somerset Lone Mountain: School drop-off lanes were well-marked and followed by family members. Families knew where to drive and in which direction. Drivers maintained a slower speed, and young students had car doors opened for them. Students were guided into the school.
- b. Provided delinquent PERS Update.
- c. Discussed schools’ pre-kindergarten seats and provided an overview of the Pre-Kindergarten Manual.

Agenda Item 6 – State Public Charter School Authority Performance Framework Revisions. SPCSA staff reviewed the revisions for the SPCSA Board. Revisions won’t apply to most of the schools in our portfolio. The changes will only affect schools that serve early childhood grades (K- 3).

Motion on Agenda Item 6 – Member Dr. Holmes-Sutton made a motion to approve the revisions to the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework, as outlined in the documents attached to this agenda item, to include a process to rate SPCSA schools that only serve grades K, 1, 2, and/or 3. Member Dr. Aldaba seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7 – Charter School Contract Amendment Applications. Danny Peltier, Management Analyst III, provided an overview and recommendation for an option of a temporary facility for Western Youth Leadership, Engagement, and Empowerment Middle School from Mater Academy (WYLEES), in the case that their permanent facility isn’t ready to occupy on August 4th.

Motion on Agenda Item 7 – Member Dr. Aldaba proposed a motion to grant WYLEES a Good Cause Exemption request and approve WYLEE’s request to occupy a temporary facility with the following conditions: • If the temporary facility is needed, work with SPCSA staff to identify and complete relevant pre- opening requirements. Member Dr. Holmes-Sutton seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was approved.

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Agenda Item 8 – Report on Site Evaluations. Dr. Selcuk Ozdemir, Education Programs Supervisor and members of the Site Evaluation Team provided an overview of the site evaluation process and core values. The team also provided Site Evaluation legal requirements and purpose. Reviewed the two types of evaluations, Comprehensive and Targeted Site Evaluations completed in the 2024-25 school year. Some data from the 2024-25 site evaluations were also provided. At the next SPCSA Board Meeting the team will provide a detailed report on the site evaluations that occurred during the 2024-25 school year.

Agenda Item 9 – Charter School Application Process. Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing, provided the Authority with a training of the charter school application process as required by NRS388A.155(2).

Agenda Item 10 - Long-Range Calendar. The SPCSA board reviewed and discussed the Long-Range Calendar for 2025 and 2026.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment #2.

Public Comment was provided in writing by:

1. Jo Farwell
2. Avalon Korringa

Public Comment is posted with the board meeting support documents on the State Public Charter School Authority website.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment at 10:18 am.