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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Recommendations for Nevada Connections Academy Based on 2024-2025
Academic Performance
DATE: November 14, 2025

The Nevada Department of Education recently released the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) results for the 2024-2025 school year. All public schools in the state of Nevada are issued a star rating when all required data points are available. Additionally, all SPCSA-sponsored charter schools are evaluated on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework (Framework), pursuant to [NRS 388A.273](#). The Framework provides additional metrics beyond the NSPF that examine charter school performance versus schools in their zip code, chronic absenteeism reduction, and student group performance in growth and graduation rates.

Any charter school demonstrating underperformance that could trigger revocation proceedings within the next three to five years, if academic performance does not improve, should be issued a formal Notice to ensure that the school and its governing board are aware of the concerns ([NRS 388A.300](#) and [388A.330](#)). Underperformance, as defined in [NAC 388A.350](#), includes any school that receives a 1- or 2-star rating on the NSPF or that has not complied with the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. The Authority has three levels of intervention when schools do not meet these academic standards: Notice of Concern, Notice of Breach, and Notice of Intent to Terminate.

SPCSA staff recommends removing academic Notices for charter school campuses with a 3-star or higher NSPF rating or a *Meets Standard* or *Exceeds Standard* rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework.

The academic performance of Nevada Connections Academy for the last three school years is provided below.

Nevada Connections Academy	2022-2023 Index Score and Star Rating	2022-2023 SPCSA Framework	2023-2024 Index Score and Star Rating	2023-2024 SPCSA Framework	2024-2025 Index Score and Star Rating	2024-2025 SPCSA Framework
High School	56 3-star	45.6 <i>Does Not Meet Standard</i>	49.5 2-star	40.7 <i>Does Not Meet Standard</i>	53.5 3-star	44.6 <i>Does Not Meet Standard</i>

Nevada Connections Academy received an academic Notice of Concern for its high school performance in the 2023-2024 school year. For the 2024–2025 school year, the high school received a 3-star NSPF ratings and an *Does Not Meet Standard* rating on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. Based on the improved NSPF rating, SPCSA staff recommends that the Authority remove the academic Notice of Concern and return the high school to good standing.

Proposed Motion: Remove the academic Notice of Concern for Nevada Connections Academy high school and return the school to good standing for the 2024-2025 school year.