



## NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

**Friday, October 10, 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  
Member Dr. Aldaba  
Member Richards  
Student Representative Ayala

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY**

Vice Chair Whitaker  
Member Dr. Holmes Sutton  
Member Stern

#### **SPCSA STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director  
Todd Weiss, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General  
Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing  
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV

#### **PERSONS PRESENT OR IN ATTENDANCE VIRTUALLY**

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| Julie Carver   | Jessica Scott    |
| Andrew Scott   | Nathaniel Waugh  |
| Freddie Rosser | Ann Marie Dawson |
| Ian Dawson     | Robert Taylor    |
| Bryan Weeks    | Mark Gardberg    |

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#### **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 9:03 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment #1. Written Public Comment is posted online with board documents. Public Comment in person or telephonically by:**

Julie Carver, Southern Nevada Trades High School – Agenda Item #8

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Jessica Scott, Nevada Prep – Agenda Item #10  
Freddie Rosser, Nevada Prep – Agenda Item #10  
Jennie Weinstein, Nevada Prep – Agenda Item #10  
Ignacio Prado – Agenda Item #8

### **Agenda Item 3 – Consent Agenda**

- a. August 22, 2025, SPCSA Board Meeting Action Minutes
- b. Charter Amendment Request – Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas
  - i. Modify mission statement
  - ii. Reduce enrollment cap at Nellis campus

**Motion on Consent Agenda Item 3:** Member Dr. Holmes-Sutton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Dr. Aldaba seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 4 – SPCSA Charter School Governing Body Governance Standards.** Member Dr. Aldaba reviewed Governance Standard #6, Operate in Service of your School Community. Member Dr. Aldaba reviewed each indicator under Standard #6, and provided examples to help those understand how to apply the standards to their schools.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Executive Director’s Report**

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

- a. School Highlight – Reviewed schools in the SPCSA portfolio who made 3-star gains on the NSPF this year: CIVICA Academy elementary and middle schools, Legacy Traditional North Valley elementary school, Quest Academy elementary school, Mater Academy Bonanza elementary school, and Somerset Academy Losee elementary school.
- b. Reviewed delinquent PERS payments as of 10/1/25.
- c. The SPCSA officially kicks off pre-opening work with Somerset Academy Carson City, Citizens of the World, and Wildflower in November. The schools have received a copy of the pre-opening checklist as well as the training schedule.

### **Agenda Item 6 – SPCSA Board Election to Nominate a Vice Chair.**

**Motion on Agenda Item 6** – Member Dr. Holmes-Sutton proposed a motion to appoint Ty Whitaker as Vice Chair of the SPCSA Board. Member Dr. Aldaba seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 7 – Charter School Renewal Process Training.** Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing, presented the charter school renewal process.

**Agenda Item 8 – 2024-25 Organizational Performance Framework Results.** Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, reviewed the 2024-25 Organizational Performance Framework Results. He supplied the data and explained the scoring results, including what would trigger a Notice of Concern.

**Motion on Agenda Item 8** – Member Shantee Rosales made a motion to accept the 2024-25 Organizational Framework results as presented and delegate to SPCSA staff the authority to provide final results to governing

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boards of each charter holder in the coming weeks. Vice Chair Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 9 – Equipo Academy.** Based on the Organizational Performance Framework the SPCSA is recommending a Notice of Concern for Equipo Academy.

**Motion on Agenda Item 9** – Vice Chair Whitaker made a motion to approve the recommendation of SPCSA staff as stated herein to issue a Notice of Concern regarding the organizational performance of Equipo Academy for the 2024-2025 school year. Member Dr. Aldaba seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 10.a. – Nevada Prep Charter School.** Based on the Organizational Performance Framework the SPCSA is recommending a Notice of Concern for Nevada Prep Charter School.

**Motion on Agenda Item 10.a.** – Member Aldaba made a motion to approve the recommendation of SPCSA staff as stated herein to issue a Notice of Concern regarding the Organizational Performance of Nevada Prep Charter School for the 2024-2025 school year. Member Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 10.b. – Nevada Prep Charter School.** SPCSA staff reviewed the Financial Performance Framework Recommendations based upon heightened financial oversight as approved at the May 30, 2025, board meeting.

**Motion on Agenda Item 10.b.** – Member Shantee Rosales made a motion to elevate Nevada Prep Charter School under the Financial Performance Framework to a Notice of Breach. As part of this Notice of Breach, the school will be required to continue to participate in heightened monitoring, directed by SPCSA staff, including but not limited to:

- Submitting and amending budgets;
- Submitting of monthly budget to actual reporting;
- Providing monthly evidence of payment to PERS; and
- Provide ongoing access to accounting and financial records, as requested by SPCSA staff as part of the heightened financial monitoring. Failure to provide requested documentation by the deadline set by SPCSA staff, or failure to respond to SPCSA inquiries within three (3) business days, will result in a subsequent appearance before the Board and possible escalation to a Notice of Intent to Revoke under the Financial Performance Framework. Member Dr. Aldaba seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 11.a. – Sage Collegiate Public Charter School.** Based on the Organizational Performance Framework the SPCSA is recommending a Notice of Concern for Sage Collegiate Public Charter School.

**Motion on Agenda Item 11.a.** – Vice Chair Whitaker made a motion to approve the recommendation of SPCSA staff as stated herein to issue a Notice of Concern regarding the Organizational Performance of Sage Collegiate Public Charter School for the 2024-2025 school year. Member Stern seconded the motion. The

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motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 11.b. – Sage Collegiate Public Charter School.** SPCSA staff reviewed the Financial Performance Framework Recommendations based upon heightened financial oversight as approved at the board meeting on May 30, 2025, board meeting.

**Motion on Agenda Item 11.b. –** Member Holmes-Sutton made a motion to elevate Sage Collegiate Public Charter School under the Financial Performance Framework to a Notice of Breach. As part of this Notice of Breach, the school will be required to continue to participate in heightened monitoring, directed by SPCSA staff, including but not limited to:

- Submitting and amending budgets;
- Submitting of monthly budget to actual reporting;
- Providing monthly evidence of payment to PERS; and
- Provide ongoing access to accounting and financial records, as requested by SPCSA staff as part of the heightened financial monitoring. Failure to provide requested documentation by the deadline set by SPCSA staff, or failure to respond to SPCSA inquiries within three (3) business days, will result in a subsequent appearance before the Board and possible escalation to a Notice of Intent to Revoke under the Financial Performance Framework. Member Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion was approved.**

**Agenda Item 12 – Long-Range Calendar.** SPCSA board reviewed the long-range calendar. Executive Director Mackdon pointed out the upcoming holiday season and encourage board members to note the board meeting dates and if unable to attend, please let her know as soon as possible.

**Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment #2.**

Mark Gardberg, Nevada Prep

Freddie Rosser, Nevada Prep

Ignacio Prado, Futuro Academy

Brian Weeks, Nevada Prep

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment at 10:53 am.**