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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon
SUBJECT: Executive Director Report
DATE: May 15, 2026

School Highlight

SPCSA staff would like to highlight Explore Academy’s peer mediation program, which was observed in action by the site evaluation team during a recent campus visit. The program provides students with a structured and supportive process for resolving conflicts and repairing relationships in a constructive manner. During the student focus group, students spoke confidently and thoughtfully about the mediation process, explaining that it is used frequently and has been effective in helping peers communicate openly, practice active listening, and develop mutually respectful solutions to disagreements.

The peer mediation program not only supports positive conflict resolution, but also promotes important student leadership and accountability skills. By emphasizing communication, empathy, and problem-solving, the program contributes to a positive school culture where students feel heard, respected, and better equipped to manage challenges productively. The site evaluation team was impressed by the level of student ownership and the meaningful role the program plays in fostering a calm and supportive learning environment.

Delinquent PERS Update

Delinquent PERS payments as of 5/1/2026. For a complete accounting of payments, please refer to the “Outstanding Charter Contribution Balance” sheet provided by PERS and included in the board materials.

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As of . . .	Total Estimated Amount Due
12/31/2023	\$477,305.47
2/12/2024	\$466,966.09
3/31/2024	\$501,862.79
5/1/2024	\$481,609.99
5/31/24	\$353,263.60
6/30/24	\$332,565.80
7/31/2024	\$375,643.40
9/3/2024	\$411,635.51
11/1/2024	\$373,726.56
1/2/2025	\$238,856.91
2/28/2025	\$191,590.18
3/31/2025	\$176,928.63
5/1/2025	\$175,455.90
6/2/2025	\$135,087.38
7/1/2025	\$124,997.10
8/1/2025	\$82,718.43
10/1/2025	\$67,272.50
11/3/2025	\$122,70.29
12/1/2025	\$165,045.92
12/31/2025	\$169,450.48
3/02/2026	\$39,337.60
4/01/2026	\$38,928.22
5/01/2026	\$38,845.06

Current Events

SPCSA staff recently concluded site visits to charter schools in Clark, Washoe, and Churchill Counties alongside Legislative Counsel Bureau fiscal and policy staff and members of the Governor's Finance Office staff.

SPCSA employee Karen Gordon was recognized by Governor Lombardo during Nevada State Employee Appreciation Week. Karen Gordon has served the SPCSA as an Educational Programs Professional for seven years. Her experience from teaching in the Washoe County School District to holding leadership roles at the Nevada Department of Education brings valuable depth and perspective to her work supporting schools. Karen is a dedicated educator whose commitment goes beyond compliance; she is deeply invested in student success and continuous improvement. She approaches her work with integrity, thoughtfulness, and a solutions-oriented mindset. In addition to her technical expertise, Karen is a trusted colleague and collaborator. She consistently supports her team with professionalism and positivity and meaningfully contributes

to agency initiatives. Her impact is evident in the quality of her work and the respect she has earned from both internal and external stakeholders.

As the majority of SPCSA sponsored charter schools conclude their school years this month, we would like to extend our appreciation to both students and staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, and wish everyone a safe, restful, and well-deserved summer break.

New Charter School Application Update

SPCSA staff will provide an official verbal update at the May 15, 2026, board meeting upon conclusion of the completeness check process.

Corrective Action, Sage Collegiate

The SPCSA would like to clarify for the record that the Open Meeting Law violation at issue was committed by the governing body of Sage Collegiate and was not attributable to the SPCSA. The Authority takes compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law requirements very seriously and provides annual training to charter school governing bodies and school leaders regarding Open Meeting Law obligations, governance responsibilities, and public transparency requirements. In addition, SPCSA staff remain available throughout the year to answer questions and provide technical assistance related to compliance matters. The information included with the ED report and being read into the record today is being provided solely for purposes of public transparency and to fulfill the corrective action requirements established by the Nevada Attorney General's Office in connection with its resolution of the complaint involving Sage Collegiate.

Student Rep Odalis Ayala

May 15, 2026, will be Student Representative Odalis Ayala's final meeting with the SPCSA Board. The SPCSA would like to publicly thank Odalis for her dedicated service during her tenure. Serving on the SPCSA Board is a significant commitment that requires substantial time, preparation, and engagement. Board members must quickly become familiar with complex topics including Nevada charter school law and regulation, academic and organizational performance frameworks, governance responsibilities, and accountability systems. Odallis approached these responsibilities with professionalism and thoughtfulness. The SPCSA extends its sincere appreciation for her service and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.