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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence– Charter Amendment Request to Reduce its Enrollment Cap**
DATE: January 23, 2026

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence (DBAE) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) grant a Good Cause Exemption and approve the request to reduce its enrollment cap for the 2025 – 26 school year.

SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority grant the Good Cause Exemption and approve the amendment request. A proposed motion along with conditions can be found on pages 2 f this memo.

Background and Overview of the Amendment

DBAE was approved by the Authority at the August 25, 2023, and is in its first year of operation. The school had 175 students enrolled in grades K – 8 as of the 2025 Validation Day.

According to the amendment application, DBAE seeks to right-size staffing, facilities use, and cash flow through this amendment request. Additionally, DBAE has made minor scheduling and materials adjustments, remains active in fundraising, is using CSP funds to cover incremental needs in arts integration, student supports, and technology.

Legal Authority

Existing charter schools that are sponsored by the SPCSA may submit a charter school contract amendment application to the SPCSA – which is reviewed by SPCSA staff and presented for SPCSA Board action – to, among other things, increase enrollment, add grade levels above and beyond what the charter school is approved to serve, or add a new campus. When determining whether to approve an

amendment request, the sponsor considers the charter school’s compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and evidence relating to the academics, finance and organization of the charter school.¹

Analysis and Staff Recommendation

When reviewing an amendment application for RFA eligibility, SPCSA staff reviews the academic, financial and organizational performance of the applicant charter school. DBAE has been rated yet and therefore does not have performance results to analyze. However, SPCSA staff does not have concern regarding DBAE’s performance through the first half of its initial operating year.

Regarding the amendment request, SPCSA staff is recommending approval. While the school did miss the 204 student target that was projected for Year 1, the school did not miss by much. The school continues to build name recognition in its community and should see increased enrollment in Year 2 as more families learn about DBAE as an option.

Proposed Motion: Grant Do & Be Arts Academy of Excellence Good Cause Exemption request and approve DBAE’s request to reduce its enrollment cap for the 2025 – 26 school year.

If approved, the enrollment cap for DBAE will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
Enrollment Cap	174	275	325	425	500

The current, the enrollment cap for DBAE is:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8	K-8
Enrollment Cap	204	275	325	425	500

DBAE School Demographics and Enrollment

Year	Total Enrolled	A %	B %	C %	H %	I %	M %	P %	ELL%	FRL %	IEP %
2025–2026	175	1.1	50.8	10.2	33.1	0.0	3.4	1.1	*	70.8	10.8

A – Asian

B – Black

C – Caucasian

H – Hispanic

I – American Indian/Alaskan Native

M – Two or more races

P – Pacific Islander

FRL – A student who qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

IEP – Individualized Education Plan – A student with a disability/special education student

ELL – English Language Learner

* Indicates data are suppressed to protect student privacy as the group size is less than 10

Academic, Financial, and Operational Ratings – N/A

¹ NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276