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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA
SUBJECT: Vegas Vista Academy – Charter Amendment Request to Reduce Enrollment Cap
DATE: January 23, 2026

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Vegas Vista Academy (VVA) 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 the 2025 – 26 enrollment cap.

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

Background and Overview of the Amendment

VVA is a public dual language charter school currently located at 5355 Madre Mesa Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89108. As of the 2025 Validation Day, VVA had 270 students in grades K – 5. According to the amendment application, VVA is seeking to make this change because the school was not within 90% of its approved enrollment cap for the 2025 – 26 school year. According to the amendment application, VVA continues to work to enroll students through marketing and community outreach.

VVA was approved to purchase a permanent facility at the November 2024 Authority Board meeting and began operations in that facility at the start of the 2025-26 school year. VVA expects enrollment to increase as the school enters its second year at its permanent facility and becomes more entrenched in the community. Additionally, the school has adjusted its budget based on the enrollment of the 2025 – 26 school year and has based that budget 2025 Validation Day count.

Finally, according to the amendment application, VVA continues to actively engage its community. The VVA Family Organization has assisted and is helping to run engagement events and recruit for the school.

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 – in order 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. 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. (See NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276).

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. VVA is in its second year of operation and has not been rated under the Academic or Financial frameworks. VVA did receive a rating of Out of Compliance on the 2024 – 25 Organizational Performance Framework but did not receive a Notice and SPCSA staff has not identified any significant concerns that would prevent a recommendation for approval of this request.

SPCSA staff recommends the SPCSA board approve the request by VVA to reduce its enrollment cap for the 2025 – 26 school year. While the school did fall short of reaching the 90% threshold for its currently approved 314 students, the school was not severely under-enrolled and has shown year-over-year enrollment growth in its first two years of operation.

Proposed Motion: Grant the Good Cause Exemption request and approve Vegas Vista Academy's request to reduce its enrollment cap for the 2025 – 26 school year.

If approved, VVA's enrollment cap for its charter will be:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Grade Levels	K-5	K-6	K-7	K-8	K-9
Total Enrollment	280	444	510	576	642

The approved VVA's enrollment cap for its charter is:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Grade Levels	K-5	K-8	K-9	K-10	K-11
Total Enrollment	360	444	510	576	612

Vegas Vista Academy School Demographics and Enrollment since 2024

Year	Total Enrolled	A %	B %	C %	H %	I %	M %	P %	ELL %	FRL %	IEP %
2024–2025	121	1.6	18.1	7.4	62.8	0.0	9.9	0.0	33.8	66.1	9.0
2025–2026	270	2.9	18.1	8.8	58.5	1.1	8.5	1.8	<5.0	>95.0	8.5

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

VVA Organizational Performance

Year	Rating
2024 – 2025	Out of Compliance

VVA Financial Performance – Not rated

VVA Academic Performance – Not Rated

