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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Katie Broughton, Director of Authorizing
SUBJECT: Updated Condition Deadlines for New Schools Approved During the 2026
New Charter Application Cycle
DATE: March 13, 2026

Background:

Two schools that were approved to open in the 2026–2027 school year will defer opening until 2027–2028. As a result, the deadlines associated with their approval conditions must be revised to align with the new opening year. If a school does not meet any of these conditions by the applicable deadline, it will not be permitted to open and must submit a new charter application for consideration and approval by the SPCSA Board. Additional information regarding each school is provided below.

Pahrump Valley Academy:

Pahrump Valley Academy (PVA) was approved via resubmission to operate a charter school at the SPCSA Board meeting on December 12, 2025. The school intends to open with grades K–5, serving approximately 275 students, and to expand to grades K–8 with an enrollment of 450 students by the end of its first charter term. PVA plans to locate in Nye County, with a proposed site within the 89041, 89049, 89060, or 89061 ZIP codes.

The school’s mission statement is: Pahrump Valley Academy provides a rigorous, college-preparatory classical education focused on standards mastery, personal growth, and leadership development. Through high expectations, individualized support, and equitable access to high-quality instruction, PVA prepares all students to succeed in high school, college, and career, and empowers them to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the world.

On February 4, 2026, SPCSA staff notified Pahrump Valley Academy that, due to the school's failure to meet required pre-opening deadlines, it would be required to defer its opening to the 2027–2028 school year. Accordingly, the updated condition deadlines are as follows:

1. By July 1, 2026, provide evidence that the school has secured a formal partnership with a high-quality classical education partner capable of supporting the faithful implementation of a strong classical education.
2. By July 1, 2026, submit a revised incubation year budget that clearly reflects all anticipated expenses and is balanced and supported by documentation of any grant, fundraising, or private revenue. Additionally, submit a detailed 3-year financial forecast for the first three years of the charter contract (FY2027, FY2028, and FY2029) that includes enrollment projections, revenue, expenses, and ending fund balances.
3. By March 15, 2027, submit a revised professional development plan that includes staff training in the classical education model delivered by the selected classical education partner.
4. By June 1, 2027, submit a fully executed lease for a facility that will meet the needs of the school for the 2026-- 2027 school year located in the 89041 89048, 89060, or 89061 zip codes.
5. At the conclusion of the New School Enrollment audit in June 2027, provide evidence that Pahrump Valley Academy has at least 223 students enrolled for the 2027 – 2028 school year.
6. By June 8, 2027, submit a board-approved Final Budget that includes revenue based on the fully enrolled student count at the time of board approval and accurately incorporates expenses for the identified facility.
7. Complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new charter schools, which includes meeting document submission deadlines as required by SPCSA staff, participating in required trainings, and attending monthly meetings.

Somerset Academy of Carson City:

Somerset Academy of Carson City (SACC) was approved to operate a charter school at the SPCSA Board meeting on August 22, 2025. The school intends to open with grades K–3, serving approximately 152 students, and to expand to grades K–8 by the end of its first charter term. SACC plans to locate in Carson City, with a proposed site within the 89701, 89703, 89705, or 89706 zip codes.

The school's mission statement is: Somerset Academy promotes a transformational culture that maximizes student achievement and the development of accountable global learners in a safe and enriching environment that fosters high-quality education.

On January 12, 2026, the SACC board requested a one-year deferral of the school's opening, which was approved by SPCSA staff on January 14, 2026 with updated condition deadlines as follows:

1. By January 1, 2027, provide evidence that a school leader has been hired.

2. By June 1, 2027, submit a fully executed lease for a facility that will meet the needs of the school for the 2027— 2028 school year located in the 89701, 89703, 89705, 89706 zip codes
3. By June 8, 2027, submit a board-approved Final Budget that includes revenue based on the fully enrolled student count at the time of board approval and accurately incorporates expenses for the identified facility.
4. At the conclusion of the New School Enrollment audit in June 2027, provide evidence that Somerset Academy of Carson City has at least 130 students enrolled for the 2027–2028 school year.
5. Complete the SPCSA pre-opening process for new charter schools, which includes meeting document submission deadlines as required by SPCSA staff, participating in required trainings, and attending monthly meetings.