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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Board
FROM: Melissa Mackedon, Executive Director
Samantha King Powell, General Counsel
SUBJECT: Sage Collegiate Public Charter School Voluntary Surrender of Charter Contract
DATE: April 17, 2026

Background and Summary:

During its meeting on April 14, 2026, the Sage Collegiate Public Charter School (Sage Collegiate) governing board voted to voluntarily surrender their charter contract and permanently close Sage Collegiate after the 2025 – 2026 school year. The Sage Collegiate governing board appointed Josh Kern from Ten Square as the school’s closing administrator, pending approval of the SPCSA board. SPCSA staff recommends the Authority approve the appointment of Josh Kern to act as the school’s administrator through the closure process as required under [NRS 388A.306](#).

Sage Collegiate is a brick-and-mortar public charter school located at 4100 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107. The school serves 244 students¹ in kindergarten through eighth grade on a single campus in Clark County and began operations in the 2022 – 2023 school year.

Academic Performance

As demonstrated by three Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) and SPCSA Academic Performance Framework ratings, the school has consistently struggled to meet academic performance standards. In 2024, Sage Collegiate’s elementary campus was identified by the NDE for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) after receiving an NSPF rating in the lowest 5th percentile. That same year, the middle school campus was identified for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) due to the Economically Disadvantaged student group performing in the lowest 5th percentile.

¹ As of October 1, 2025

Finally, it is important to note that [NRS 388A.300](#) requires the SPCSA to terminate the charter contract of a school that receives three consecutive 1-star NSPF ratings. Should Sage Collegiate’s elementary school receive a 1-star rating in 2025 – 2026 and not meet any of the additional exemption criteria established by Senate Bill 460 (2025), the charter contract must be terminated for the elementary school.

Year	School Level	NSPF Score	NSPF Star Rating	Framework Score	Framework Rating
2022–23	Elementary	49.4	2-star	60.6	Meets Standard
2023–24	Elementary	9	1-star	20.4	Does Not Meet Standard
2024–25	Elementary	15	1-star	20.6	Does Not Meet Standard
2023–24	Middle	13.7	1-star	22.2	Does Not Meet Standard
2024–25	Middle	46.3	2-star	52.6	Meets Standard

Financial Performance

Sage Collegiate has struggled to meet financial performance expectations. The school has faced escalating debt, a long-term capital lease that consumes a significant portion of its revenue, and enrollment that has consistently fallen below projections. These factors have placed sustained pressure on the school’s financial position, limiting its ability to build reserves and weakening its long-term sustainability.

Year	Findings & Framework Results
2022–23	Notice of Concern
2023–24	Notice of Breach
2024–25	Notice of Breach

Organizational Performance

Sage Collegiate has struggled to meet organizational performance expectations. Compliance submissions are often submitted late or not at all. Board governance and compliance continue to be areas of concern, including issues related to required board member documentation and findings associated with Open Meeting Law. Additionally, the school has not provided documentation for several critical requirements, including proof of liability insurance, elevator permits, and health permits.

Year	Findings & Framework Results
2022–23	Meets Standards
2023–24	Does Not Meet Standard
2024–25	Out of Compliance

Legal Authority:

The steps of the process for a charter school to voluntarily surrender its charter contract are outlined in [NRS 388A.306](#). This statute establishes the required procedures and timelines for closure. As part of this process, the SPCSA Board must review and approve the administrator assigned to act as trustee during the closure. The trustee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the closure plan, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements, and managing key tasks such as financial reconciliation, asset disposition, and student record transfers.

Analysis and Staff Recommendation:

SPCSA staff support the Sage Collegiate governing board's decision to close the school, as it has not met the academic, financial, or organizational standards established in the SPCSA Performance Framework.

The Sage Collegiate board has appointed Josh Kern as the school's closing administrator, pending approval by the Authority. Staff believe he is well-equipped to ensure the closure process is executed with fidelity. Accordingly, SPCSA staff recommend that the Authority approve his appointment to serve as the school's administrator throughout the closure process, as required under [NRS 388A.306](#).

Pursuant to [NRS 388A.306](#), the closing administrator is required to develop and present a written closure plan. Mr. Kern is expected to appear before the SPCSA Board in the coming months to present this plan. Documentation outlining the required tasks has been included in the materials for this agenda item.

SPCSA staff remain committed to supporting the students enrolled at Sage Collegiate and their transition to a new school for the 2026–2027 school year. Staff will continue working with Mr. Kern in the coming months and will, to the extent possible, assist the school in coordinating with other sponsored schools that have the capacity and interest to enroll Sage Collegiate students.

Proposed Motion:

Accept the recent action by the Sage Collegiate board to surrender their charter contract and close the school; approve the appointment of Josh Kern to be the administrator overseeing the Sage Collegiate closure process, effective immediately, with exclusive control and decision-making authority over the school's finances and financial operation; and direct SPCSA staff to work with Josh Kern to ensure all closure requirements are met.