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ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA Authority Board
FROM: Danny Peltier, Management Analyst Supervisor, SPCSA
SUBJECT: **Discovery Charter School– Charter Amendment Request to Change the Name of the Charter School**
DATE: August 27, 2026

Summary of Request and Recommendation

Discovery has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) approve a request to change the name of the school.

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

Background and Overview of the Amendment

Discovery operates two campuses in Las Vegas. The Sandhill campus had 120 students in grades K – 5 enrolled according to the 2025 Validation Day and the Hillpointe campus had 386 students in grades K -8.

Discovery is requesting approval to permanently change its legal school name to Discovery Preparatory Academy. According to the amendment application, the proposed name better reflects the school's current identity, academic expectations, and long-term vision for the students and families it serves. Additionally, Discovery notes that the new name communicates a purposeful academic environment and more accurately represents a school focused on academics, character development, college and career readiness, and preparing students to reach their full potential.

Finally, according to the amendment application, the proposed name change does not represent a change school governance, leadership, school location, enrollment or the school's commitment to its students and families. The amendment applications stated that it is a strategic name change intended to better align the school's official identity with its present mission and future direction. School leadership has communicated the proposed name change to key stakeholders. Initial discussions occurred with school leadership and

governing body regarding the need for a name that better reflects the school’s current mission, direction, and commitment to academic achievement. Staff and families were informed of the transition and the reasons for the change, including the goal of creating a positive academic culture focused on teaching and learning.

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. Discovery Hillpointe elementary school received a 3-star rating and met standard under the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. Discovery Hillpointe middle school received a 2-star rating and did not meet standard under the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. Discovery Sandhill elementary school received a 4-star rating and exceeded standards under the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. Discovery was rated as Meets the Standard on the SPCSA’s Financial Performance Framework and was rated as Out of Compliance under the SPCSA’s Organizational Performance Framework but was still found to be in good standing.

Regarding the amendment request, SPCSA staff is recommending approval of Discovery’s request to change the name of the school in order to better reflect the school’s current identity, academic expectations, and long-term vision for the students and families it serves.

Proposed Motion: Approve Discovery Charter School to change its name to Discovery Preparatory Academy

The current enrollment cap for Discovery is:

School Year	2025-26	2026-27
Hillpointe		
Grade Levels	K-8	K-8
Enrollment	380	380
Sandill		
Grade Levels	K-5	K-5
Enrollment	120	120
Total Enrollment	500	500

¹ NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

School Demographic Change since 2022 – Discovery Charter School

Hillpointe

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
22-23	404	3.2%	7.6%	39.1%	37.6%	0.7%	10.1%	1.4%	13.1%	<5.0%	19.8%
23-24	400	3.7%	7.0%	37.5%	38.2%	0.5%	12.2%	0.7%	14.7%	13.5%	21.7%
24-25	407	3.6%	9.0%	32.6%	42.5%	0.2%	11.3%	0.4%	11.5%	11.3%	19.9%
25-26	386	2.5%	11.3%	30.5%	43.0%	0.5%	11.9%	0.0%	15.8%	13.7%	36.0%

Sandhill

Year	Enrollment	A	B	C	H	I	M	P	IEP	ELL	FRL
22-23	89	2.2%	17.9%	21.3%	48.3%	0.0%	8.9%	1.1%	*	*	48.3%
23-24	93	1.0%	18.2%	21.5%	51.6%	0.0%	7.5%	0.0%	17.2%	11.8%	73.1%
24-25	117	0.8%	14.5%	22.2%	50.4%	1.7%	10.2%	0.0%	12.8%	17.0%	>95%
25-26	120	0.8%	17.5%	20.0%	50.8%	0.0%	10.0%	0.8%	14.1%	19.1%	>95%

A – Asian
 B – Black
 C – Caucasian
 H – Hispanic
 I – American Indian/Alaskan Native
 M – Two or more races
 P – Pacific Islander
 IEP – Individualized Education Plan –A student with a disability/special education student
 ELL – English Language Learner
 FRL – A student who qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch
 * - Suppressed data due to n-count

Discovery Charter School Financial Performance

Year	Rating
2022-23	Notice of Concern
2023-24	Notice of Concern
2024-25	Meets Standard

Discovery Charter School Organizational Performance

Year	Rating
2022-23	Meets Standard

2023-24	Meets Standard
2024-25	Out of Compliance

Hillpointe Campus

2022–23 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 36.5 / Does Not Meet Standard Middle: 41.5 / Does Not Meet Standard
2022–23 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 42.5 / 2-star Middle: 47.5 / 2-star
2023–24 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 50.0 / Meets Standard Middle: 63.6 / Meets Standard
2023–24 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 55.0 / 3-star Middle: 61.0 / 3-star
2024–25 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 58.5 / 3-star Middle: 49.5 / 2-star
2024–25 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 54.6 / Meets Standard Middle: 43.7 / Does Not Meet Standard

Sandhill Campus

2022–23 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 47.0 / Does Not Meet Standard
2022–23 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 40.0 / 2-star
2023–24 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 74.0 / Meets Standard
2023–24 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 60.0 / 3-star
2024–25 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating	Elementary: 79.0 / 4-star
2024–25 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating	Elementary: 85.6 / Exceeds Standard