

NEVADA STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORITY

November 8, 2017

**Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson St.
Room 1214
Carson City, Nevada**

**Grant Sawyer Building
555 East Washington
Room 4412
Las Vegas Nevada**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Nora Luna
Sheila Moulton
Jeff Hinton

In Carson City:

Jason Guinasso

Teleconference:

Melissa Mackedon
David Gardner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Member Corbett

AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas:

Brian Scroggins, Deputy Director, State Public Charter School Authority

In Carson City:

Patrick Gavin, Director, State Public Charter School Authority
Ryan Herrick, General Council, State Public Charter School Authority
Danny Peltier, Management Analyst I
Tanya Osborne, Administrative Assistant III

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Las Vegas

Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General

In Carson City

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:**In Las Vegas:**

None

In Carson City:

None

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Moulton moved to approve the agenda. Member Mackedon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment

Charlene Cutler spoke about keeping Nevada Connections; her son is doing so much better since he has been attending NCA. Jesse Berry a 12th grader who will be graduating from Nevada Connections, states he loves this school and wants to keep it open.

Agenda Item 3 - The Authority will review, discuss, and possibly take action regarding a potential resolution or informal disposition related to the Notice of Intent to Revoke the Written Charter of Nevada Connections Academy, dated September 30, 2016; the Notice Pursuant to NRS 388A.330(1)(e), dated February 10, 2017; and related proceedings. Possible actions may include approval by the Authority of any potential resolution or informal disposition.

Chair Guinasso spoke about some of the discussions regarding Nevada Connections to come to a resolution or informal disposition. Legal Counsel, Robert Whitney talked about the presentation and statement regarding proposed resolution. Legal Counsel, Greg Ott gave a statement on the final document that address the specific issue regarding the graduation rate. Director Gavin spoke about the briefing memorandum and the settlement agreement. He would like the board to approve the settlement agreement. Dr. Jafeth Sanchez, Nevada Connections Board President, would like to work in good faith to implement sufficient changes that the school wants to make. Dr. Scott Harrington is on the board for Nevada Connections and also spoke about the proposed cure. Chair Guinasso supports the decision to approve the agreement for a resolution. It mandates real accountability from all parties. NCA needs to be accountable for the graduation rate that is calculated by Nevada Department of Education. There will be a reduction of high school enrollment, elimination of new transfers in 11th and 12th grades, cap high school students enrollment at 1500 students, also a cap 11th and 12th grade to zero. Minimum benchmarks include; 49% 2018 and 60% in 2019. If these benchmarks are not met then the cap will be 1200 students and will sustain a financial penalty.

Chair Guinasso would like to make a motion to approve the settlement agreement and informal disposition by Nevada Connections. Member Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment

None

Adjournment at 11:00 am.