

**IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION  
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (PCSC) was held Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 700 West Jefferson Street, Boise, ID, in the State Capital in the East Wing 41 (EW 41) Hearing Room. Chairman Alan Reed presided.

The following Commissioners attended:

Alan Reed	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gayle O'Donahue	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nick Hallett	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Scigliano	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanda Quinn	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>
Esther Van Wart	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gayann DeMordaunt	Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not present	<input type="checkbox"/>

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**A. COMMISSION WORK**

**1. Agenda Review / Approval**

**M/S:** A motion to approve the agenda for today, October 9, 2014, is made by Commissioner DeMordaunt; seconded by Commissioner O'Donahue.

Motion unanimously passed.

**2. Minutes Review / Approval**

**M/S:** A motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2014; September 2, 2014; and September 5, 2014 is made by Commissioner Quinn; seconded by Commissioner O'Donahue.

Motion unanimously passed.

**3. 2015 Regular Meeting Calendar**

**M/S:** A motion is to approve February 12, 2015; April 9, 2015; June 11, 2015; August 13, 2015; October 8, 2015; and December 10, 2015, as the dates and Boise, Idaho, as the location for the PCSC's 2015 regularly scheduled meetings is made by Commissioner Quinn; seconded by Commissioner DeMordaunt.

Motion unanimously passed.

**4. Presentation of National Association of Charter School Authorizers Evaluation of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission.**

Elisa Westapher, NACSA Associate Director, appeared for NACSA, and introduced Amy Ruck Kagan, Deputy Commissioner for the State of New Jersey. Ms. Kagan presented their report regarding the Commission. NASCA's report offers recommendations to the Commission regarding application decision making, performance management systems, performance-based accountability, autonomy, and organizational capacity.

The presentation focused on recommendations that the PCSC establish and consistently apply policies; seek increased staff and financial capacity; develop procedures for implementation of recent statutory change; and implement strategic planning. The evaluators noted that implementation of the recommendations would realistically require up to five years.

## **B. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHARTER PETITIONS**

### **1. North Star Charter School Proposed Transfer Petition – Second Hearing**

Jim Miller, Chairman, represented NSCS. The PCSC assessed that all questions about NSCS's finances were resolved through updated documentation.

**M/S:** A motion to approve the petition for authorization of transfer presented by North Star Charter School as presented, including the school's amended Charter and draft performance certificate, is made by Commissioner Quinn and seconded by Commissioner O'Donahue.

The Motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy (CCA) Proposed Transfer Petition – First Hearing**

Dan Nicklay, Principle; Glenn Mabile, Business Manager, and Paul Franz, Board Chair, presented for CCA. Mr. Franz was in attendance via phone.

Mr. Nicklay presented the history and academic performance of CCA since the school started in 1999.

Commissioners and PCSC staff expressed concerns about CCA's student enrollment process due to indications it may, perhaps unintentionally, favor high academic achievers.

Chairman Reed inquired about CCA's motivation for requesting the transfer. He emphasized the PCSC's focus on accountability and stressed that CCA would need to comply with PCSC standards and requirements.

Mr. Nicklay said the district is concerned about liability.

Commissioner DeMordaunt emphasized the importance of an equitable selection process, including petition language assuring such.

In response to PCSC questions, Mr. Nicklay said CCA does not plan to implement a nutrition program due to extensive facility requirements, though the school recently began collection FRL qualification data. Transportation is available through carpooling and public busses. He said the quality of special education services at CCA is higher than that at many schools that have dedicated SpEd departments.

Commissioner DeMordaunt said the school appears to have a public perception problem, being viewed as elitist, and strongly recommended that the CCA board consider offering student transportation.

**M/S (DeMordaunt/O'Donahue):** To delay the decision and direct staff to issue to Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy a written response identifying the specific deficiencies in the petition, including items already identified on the Petition Evaluation Rubric included in these meeting materials, particularly ensuring that the school is committed to use of an equitable selection process.

The motion passed unanimously.

**M/S (DeMordaunt/O'Donahue):** To adjourn the meeting is made by Commissioner DeMordaunt; seconded by Commissioner O'Donahue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.