

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

## PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

February 18, 2015  
 342 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 242  
 Office of the Public Charter School Commission - Conference Room

**Wednesday, February 18 – 342 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Boise, ID, Room 242 – 9:00 a.m.**

A Special Meeting of the Public Charter School Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman O'Donahue at 9:01 a.m. The following Commissioners attended or were excused:

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

### A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Baysinger summarized S1087, which would create a new, optional enrollment lottery preference for students moving between charter schools.

Commissioner Quinn confirmed that the bill would apply to charter schools serving any combination of grades.

Vice-Chairman O'Donahue stated that the Nampa Harbor schools are in favor of the bill because it would help both parents and schools by helping them enroll students likely to do well in their programs.

Commissioner Quinn noted that if a school believes it would experience drawbacks as a result of the preference, they could opt not to use it.

Commissioner DeMordaunt said the bill is well written and opens opportunities, especially for middle and high school programs.

Commissioner Quinn inquired how common it is for the PCSC to take a position on a bill.

Ms. Baysinger responded that the Commission usually takes a position on one or two bills in a session. She added that one school expressed concern that S1087 would increase the perception of exclusivity among charter schools.

Vice-Chairman O'Donahue said the Nampa Harbors discussed this possibility and ultimately concluded that the benefits for students outweighed the risks.

Ms. Baysinger summarized H122, which modifies the strategic plan section of statute. She said some charter schools are interested in having charters exempted from the strategic plan requirement. This is logical because charters are already held to strong outcomes through the performance certificate and framework. However, the PCSC may wish to respect that this is SBOE legislation resulting from task force efforts. She recommended consideration of the exemption concept, and possibly a separate bill, rather than pushing for changes to H122.

Commissioners Quinn and Van Wart said it appears the performance reports do accomplish the same goal as the strategic plans.

Commissioner O'Donahue noted that many schools actively aligned their performance framework goals with the strategic plan requirements, so continuous improvement plans are duplicative.

Ms. Baysinger noted that many of the performance certificates and frameworks adopted by districts and district-authorized charters do not meet statutory requirements and likely would be insufficient to replace strategic plans. Some district-authorized charters still have not submitted performance certificates to the SBOE.

Commissioner Scigliano inquired about the benefits of completing strategic plans as presently required.

Ms. Baysinger cited the value of the strategic planning process and access to funding.

The commissioners agreed that they would prefer to hear additional input from a broader spectrum of charter schools before taking a position.

**M/S (Quinn/DeMordaunt):** To direct staff to express the PCSC's support for S1087 based on the bill being in the best interest of students. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**M/S (Van Wart/Scigliano):** To adjourn the meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am.