

# APPROVED MEETING MINUTES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

October 8, 2015  
304 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 242  
Boise, ID

Thursday, October 08, 2015 - 304 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 242 - 9:00am

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners attended:

Alan Reed	Phone
Gayle O'Donahue	Phone
Kelly Murphey	Phone
Brian Scigliano	Present
Wanda Quinn	Phone
Evan Frasure	Phone
Gayann DeMordaunt	Phone

## A. COMMISSION WORK

### 1. Agenda Review/Approval

**M/S (Frasure/Quinn):** To approve the agenda as presented. *Motion unanimously passed.*

### 2. Minutes Review/Approval

**M/S (O'Donahue/Scigliano):** To approve the minutes from August 11, 2015, as presented. *Motion unanimously passed.*

### 3. Calendar

**M/S (O'Donahue/Frasure):** To approve February 11, 2016; April 14, 2016; June 9, 2016; August 11, 2016; October 13, 2016; and December 8, 2016 in Boise, Idaho as the dates and location for the PCSC's 2016 regularly scheduled meetings. *Motion unanimously passed.*

## B. OTHER

### 1. Commission Education: Petition Evaluation and School Oversight

Director Baysinger provided a presentation reviewing the PCSC and staff's processes and procedures for petition evaluation and ongoing school oversight.

Vice Chair O'Donahue took gavel due to phone connection problems experienced by Chairman Reed.

## 2. Commission Education: National Perspectives on Civil Rights Issues in Public Charter Schools

Suzanne Metzgar, representing Bluum, introduced presenters Lauren Baum and Renita Thukral.

The presenters reviewed federal and state laws specific to civil rights that apply to charter schools. They applauded Idaho for requiring special education services and discipline policies to be addressed in charter school petitions. Many Idaho charters' policies are more specific and transparent than the presenters have seen in other states.

The presenters explained how Office of Civil Rights complaints originate and are addressed. Best practice is for schools to amend their policies regularly as needed to reflect new guidance from the OCR. Charter schools should avoid anything that would create a chilling effect on diverse student enrollment.

The presenters addressed the OCR complaint recently filed in Idaho and expressed support for conversations that are already under way in an effort to address disparity. They noted that Idaho's lottery preferences for founders and siblings are standard nationwide, and complimented the PCSC for exceptionally transparent and thorough annual reports. They said the PCSC appears to be doing a good job of supporting petitioners and school operators in their understanding and awareness of civil rights requirements.

Vice Chair O'Donahue returned the gavel to Chairman Reed.

Chairman Reed requested that Director Baysinger's PowerPoint be emailed to the PCSC.

**M/S (Frasure/O'Donahue):** To adjourn the meeting. *Motion unanimously passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.