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MEETING MINUTES PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, January 22, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 304 N 8th Street, Rm 242

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 10:04 a.m.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Alan Reed – Phone

Gayle O'Donahue – Phone

Kelly Murphey – Phone

Brian Scigliano – In Person

Gayann DeMordaunt – Phone

Commissioners Wanda Quinn and Evan Frasure were absent.

1. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At Chairman Reed's request, PCSC Director Tamara Baysinger summarized the draft legislation that the Idaho State Board of Education will propose during the 2016 legislative session.

Commissioner Scigliano asked how often the PCSC deals with education management organization (EMO) and replication issues.

Director Baysinger said interest in both topics has increased over the past several years and is anticipated to continue. The PCSC received its most recent EMO/replication request in fall 2015, but the petition was withdrawn by the petitioners before coming to a hearing.

Commissioner O'Donahue noted her appreciation for the clarification that only high quality schools should be replicated.

Commissioner DeMordaunt expressed concern that the requirement for an authorizer to conduct a thorough evaluation of a proposed educational service provider's capacity may be too broad.

Director Baysinger said she believed the intent was to ensure an authorizer knew if a proposed EMO was struggling financially or would otherwise be unable to effectively serve the proposed new school without compromising services to other schools with which it already contracted. She agreed to convey Commissioner DeMordaunt's concern to SBOE staff.

The PCSC expressed general support for the proposed legislation.

Motion/Second (DeMordaunt/O'Donahue): To adjourn the meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.