

# APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

## IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

March 1, 2018  
650 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702  
Len B. Jordan Building, 3rd Floor, Clearwaters Conference Room

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00 AM. The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Alan Reed  
Kelly Murphey  
Brian Scigliano  
Wanda Quinn (Phone)  
Nils Peterson  
Sherilynn Bair  
Kitty Kunz

### TAB A: COMMISSION WORK

#### 1. Agenda Review/Approval

**M/S (Peterson/Scigliano):** To approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### TAB B: CHARTER RENEWAL CONSIDERATION

#### 1. Falcon Ridge Public Charter School

Tamara Baysinger, PCSC Director, summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that FRPCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Kunz/Bair):** A motion to approve Falcon Ridge Public Charter School's January 22, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

#### 2. Heritage Community Charter School

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that HCCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be conditionally renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Scigliano/Murphey):** A motion to approve Heritage Community Charter School's January 31, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. Heritage Community Charter School must comply with the agreed upon conditions set

forth in the Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### 3. Idaho Virtual Academy

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that IDVA has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be conditionally renewed for a five year term.

Kelly Edington, IDVA Administrator, thanked the staff and commission for the work and expressed agreement with the conditional renewal stated.

**M/S (Bair/Kunz):** A motion to approve Idaho Virtual Academy's January 22, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. Idaho Virtual Academy must comply with the agreed upon condition set forth in the Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### 4. INSPIRE Academics, Inc.

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that INSPIRE has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be conditionally renewed for a five year term.

Karen Haines, INSPIRE Administrator, thanked the staff and commission for their work and provided insight regarding the school's struggle with graduation rates.

**M/S (Kunz/Scigliano):** A motion to approve Inspire Academics, Inc.'s January 22, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. Inspire Academics, Inc. must comply with the agreed upon conditions set forth in the Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### 5. Idaho Science and Technology Charter School

Commissioner Bair recused herself from discussion and voting regarding ISTCS due to a family member's service on the school's board of directors.

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that ISTCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be conditionally renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Peterson/Murphey):** A motion to approve Idaho Science and Technology Charter School's January 16, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. Idaho Science and Technology Charter School must comply with the agreed upon condition set forth in the Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's

Recommendation for Renewal of Charter. *The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Bair abstaining.*

## 6. Legacy School

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that Legacy has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

Gayle O'Donahue expressed her appreciation to the staff and commission.

**M/S (Scigliano/Murphey)** A motion to approve Legacy Public Charter School's January 22, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## 7. Monticello Montessori Charter School

Director Baysinger acknowledged a documentation error and provided commission with an updated copy of the school's performance framework; a redacted version was made available to the public. She summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that MMCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Bair/Kunz):** A motion to approve Monticello Montessori Charter School's January 22, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## 8. North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, Inc.

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that NI STEM has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

Commissioner Quinn read a letter from NI STEM administrator Scott Thomas, expressing his gratitude to the staff and commission.

**M/S (Quinn/Peterson):** A motion to approve North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, Inc.'s January 16, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

## 9. North Star Charter School

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that NSCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

Bill Russell, NSCS Board Chair, expressed gratitude to staff and the commission, as well as the staff of the school

**M/S (Murphey/Scigliano):** A motion to approve North Star Charter School, Inc.'s January 25, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew North Star Charter School Inc.'s charter for a 5-year term starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **10. North Valley Academy**

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that NVA has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be conditionally renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Peterson/Kunz):** A motion to approve North Valley Academy's February 12, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew its charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. North Valley Academy must comply with the agreed upon conditions set forth in the Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **11. Palouse Prairie Charter School**

Commissioner Peterson recused himself from discussion and voting regarding PPCS due to his affiliation with the school as a founder, former board member, and advisor.

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that PPCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Kunz/Murphey):** A motion to approve Palouse Prairie Charter School's January 16, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew Palouse Prairie Charter School's charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Peterson abstaining.*

#### **12. Rolling Hills Public Charter School**

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that RHPCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Bair/Scigliano):** A motion to approve Rolling Hills Public Charter School's January 18, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew Rolling Hills Public Charter School's charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

### **13. The Village Charter School**

Director Baysinger summarized the school's educational model; demographics; and academic, operational, and financial status. She said that TVCS has agreed to staff's recommendation that the charter be conditionally renewed for a five year term.

**M/S (Quinn/Kunz):** A motion to approve The Village Charter School's January 18, 2018 Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter and to renew The Village Charter School's charter for a 5-year term, starting July 1, 2018. The Village Charter School must comply with the agreed upon conditions set forth in the Notice and Acknowledgment of Commission's Recommendation for Renewal of Charter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **TAB B: PROPOSED PCSC POLICY AMENDMENTS-FIRST READING**

Director Baysinger said that significant changes to statute and administrative rule have resulted in a need for updates to PCSC policies. The proposed changes have been addressed by the PCSC or its committees. She recommended that the PCSC consider the policies at this first reading, then adopt them with any requested changes at a later date, allowing additional time for public comment on the proposed changes.

Chairman Reed asked for input on the timeline for schools' submission of meeting materials.

Commissioners Quinn, Bair, and Peterson expressed support for the existing language allowing submission of additional materials at the chairman's discretion.

Suzanne Budge, lobbyist for K12, stated that they would like to have access to meeting materials and opportunity for public comment as part of the policymaking process. She said that public testimony should be accepted during PCSC meetings.

Director Baysinger clarified that PCSC meeting materials are posted online one week in advance of PCSC meetings, and that written and verbal public comment are accepted up to and during PCSC meetings.

Jane Whittmeyer, lobbyist for the Coalition of Idaho Charter School Families, said the PCSC should investigate how other commissions handle public comment and material.

Teresa Molitor, lobbyist for the Association of Charter School Leaders, expressed that her perception of the commission is that they do not want to hear from public.

Director Baysinger reviewed the proposed policy changes, which would align PCSC policies with Idaho statute, administrative rule, and the new performance framework, as well as reflect updates to the renewal process made in response to stakeholder feedback.

Chairman Reed encouraged the commission and stakeholders to review these policy changes and provide any feedback.

#### **TAB C: PCSC 2017 Annual Report**

Director Baysinger provided an overview of the 2017 PCSC Annual Report, including academic outcomes, demographics, proficiency rates, growth rates, and graduation rates across the PCSC's portfolio.

The PCSC discussed how best to balance its responsibility to protect the interests of students and taxpayers through upholding quality performance standards with the value of parent choice.

**M/S (Peterson/Bair):** To adjourn the meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.