

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

June 14, 2018
700 W. Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho
Idaho State Capitol Building, East Wing 41

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

Brian Scigliano
Wanda Quinn
Sherilynn Bair
Nils Peterson
Kitty Kunz

TAB A: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/Approval

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

2. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano): To approve the minutes from April 12, 2018, as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano): To approve the minutes from May 14, 2018, as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB B: PROPOSED PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES

Chairman Reed introduced the performance certificates for the schools that were renewed during the 2018 renewal cycle.

M/S (Bair/Peterson): To execute the performance certificates as presented for Falcon Ridge Public Charter School, Inc., Heritage Community Charter School, Inc., Idaho Virtual Academy, Inc., INSPIRE Academies, Inc., Idaho Science and Technology Charter School, Inc., Legacy Public Charter School, Inc., Monticello Montessori Charter School, Inc., North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, Inc., North Star Charter School, Inc., North Valley Academy, Inc., Palouse Prairie Educational Organization, Rolling Hills Public Charter School, Inc., and the Village Charter School, Inc. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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.

TAB C: NEW CHARTER PETITION

1. Elevate Academy

Monica White and Matt Strong presented the Elevate Academy petition.

Ms. White described the petition as a collaboration between the school, local businesses, and the community. They aim to serve 6th-12th grade at risk students in career technical education. She reviewed their educational model and programs they plan to incorporate to allow for credit recovery.

Mr. Strong reviewed their community support systems.

Chairman Reed inquired about how they successfully enroll their targeted demographic.

Ms. White explained that it will be a grassroots effort to identify the students, especially in year one. They believe that, after year one, their reputation will attract students.

Mr. Strong addressed concerns from commissioners regarding teacher recruitment and credit recovery programs.

Dr. Shalene French, Caldwell School District Superintendent, spoke in opposition to the Elevate petition. They believe Elevate Academy will be an unnecessary expense to taxpayers, as it is duplicative of services already offered in the district. Several points of concern include the funding affecting surrounding districts, online learning for at-risk students, dual enrollment, transportation, issues associated with year round schooling, and an increased difficulty of recruiting educators.

Terry Ryan, Executive Director of BLUUM spoke in support of Elevate Academy.

M/S (Quinn/Kunz): To approve the new charter petition for Elevate Academy Alternative Charter School's new charter petition. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB D: PROPOSED CHARTER AND PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS

1. iSucceed Virtual High School

Director Baysinger said iSVHS is proposing a charter amendment that would allow the school to establish an alternative program. The alternative program would provide the school access to alternative program funding and would enable them to use the alternative framework for that population of their students. The PCSC staff recommends approval of this amendment.

M/S (Quinn/Peterson): To approve the proposed charter amendment as submitted by iSucceed Virtual High School related to the establishment of an alternative program and general updates to the charter. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Monticello Montessori Charter School

Director Baysinger said MMCS is proposing a charter amendment that would expand the grade levels served to include 7th and 8th grades. MMCS believes adding additional grades would help fill their enrollment. PCSC staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Erica Kemrey, Administrator, Monticello Montessori Charter School, shared images of their facility plan.

M/S (Scigliano/Peterson): To approve the proposed charter amendment as submitted by Monticello Montessori related to the expansion into 7th and 8th grades. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB E: OTHER

1. Proposed PCSC Policy Amendments: Third Reading

Director Baysinger explained that changes to statute and administrative rule required the PCSC to update their policies and procedures. Proposed policy amendments were drafted based on stakeholder, PCSC, and PCSC committee feedback. The most recent draft reflects the changes that were discussed at a round table discussion in May. This draft was sent to stakeholders, and no feedback was received.

Theresa Harper, lobbyist for the Association of Charter School Leaders, would like the PCSC to consider softening the language regarding meeting materials and deadlines.

M/S (Peterson/Bair): To adopt the proposed policy amendments as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. PCSC Staff Presentation: Petition Evaluation Tool

Jenn Thompson, PCSC School Resource and Finance Program Manager, presented information about new petition evaluation tools, which reflect stakeholder and PCSC committee feedback.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.