

**REFERENCE: APPROVED MINUTES – May 24, 2007 Public Charter School  
Commission Special Meeting**

**PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007  
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A regular meeting of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission was held by teleconference on Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the Ameritel Inn Boise Towne Square, Boise, Idaho. Chairman Goesling presided. The following members were in attendance:

Joe deVera	Alan Reed	Esther Van Wart (by phone)
Paul Powell	Ann Souza	Gayann DeMordaunt

Chairman Goesling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**1. Commission Work**

The Commission considered minutes submitted from the April 5, 2007 and May 9, 2007 meetings.

**M/S (Powell/Souza): To approve the minutes from April 5, 2007 and May 9, 2007 as submitted.** *The motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Goesling inquired whether there should be any changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.

**M/S (Powell/deVera): To approve the agenda without changes.** *The motion passed unanimously.*

The Commission considered dates and times for the regularly scheduled meeting to follow the previously scheduled July 19 and September 27 meetings.

**M/S (Powell/deVera): To set November 15, 2007 in Boise, Idaho, as the date and location for the following regular Commission meeting.** *The motion passed unanimously.*

**M/S (Powell/Goesling): To move to executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1) section b, d, and e.** *The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Garden City Community School Corrective Action Plan**

Barbara Gaston, GCCS board chair, said the Commission has the school's corrective action plan in response to the notice of defect issued on the grounds of failure to meet generally accepted accounting standards of fiscal management. She offered to stand for questions.

Commissioner Powell discussed with Brett Spencer, GCCS board treasurer, the GCCS budget submitted with the corrective action plan. Commissioner Powell asked how the proposed summer program relates to the business and governance of the charter school.

Ms. Gaston said the summer program may not be offered due to low interest; however, an after school care program may be developed. She said the charter focuses on community involvement and the same board would oversee additional programs taking place at the school facility.

Commissioner Powell said daycare and summer program funds should not be mingled with public education dollars. The public charter school may be subsidized by, but may not subsidize, another entity. Further, the Commission authorizes and oversees only the public charter school.

Commissioner DeMordaunt discussed with Ms. Gaston the means by which GCCS verified its enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Gaston said the school did not do exit surveys as students dis-enrolled throughout the 2006-2007 school year.

Commissioner Powell said he is not comfortable with the corrective action plan because it appears some of the budget numbers contributing to the year-end zero cash balance are inaccurate.

Commissioner Reed asked staff to explain the Commission's oversight responsibility.

Ms. Baysinger said statute and rule do not require a specific process to be followed with regard to approval of the corrective action plan. Jennifer Swartz, Commission counsel, added that the next step in the disciplinary process is the issuance of a notice of intent to revoke if the Commission feels the school has not cured the defect within a reasonable period of time.

Tanya Santos, GCCS teacher, and Wendy Oldenkamp, GCCS administrator, shared their thoughts in support of the school.

Further discussion was held regarding enrollment and plans for recruitment should enrollment drop from its current or anticipated levels. Ms. Gaston also updated the Commission on school staffing.

J. Michael Dunlap, a member of the public, spoke in support of GCCS.

**M/S (deVera/Powell): To delay a decision regarding the approval of Garden City Community School's corrective action plan until the next meeting; and to set June 7, 2007 as the due date for an amended corrective plan including a four-year projected plan and current-year budget column. *The motion passed unanimously.***

### **3. Victory Charter School Proposed Charter Amendment**

Marianne Saunders, Victory administrator, presented the school's proposal for expansion to include grades 10-12, adding one grade per year beginning in 2007-2008, and answered questions from the Commission.

Leslie Mauldin, Victory board member, updated the Commission on construction plans for the school's permanent facility.

**M/S (deVera/Powell): To approve the Victory Charter School amendment for the addition of grades 10-12. *The motion passed unanimously.***

### **4. Xavier Charter School Update**

Cindy Fulcher, XCS administrator, and XCS board members Renee Robbins and Debi Jackson provided an update on enrollment, community support, staffing, teacher training, finances, and facilities.

### **5. Vision Public Charter School**

Lee Hannah, Vision board chair, and Wendy Oldenkamp, Vision administrator, explained that Vision will not be able to open at the Skyway Business Park site as planned. They distributed packets containing information about three possible, alternative sites on which to place modular classrooms and described these sites. They emphasized that the attached budgetary information was based on worst-case scenarios.

The Commission directed Vision to provide a firm budget and site preparation timeline and be prepared for further discussion at a special meeting on June 14.

### **6. Commission Education**

Commission staff provided a review of open meeting law for the Commissioners' information.

Commissioner Goesling expressed concern about recent requests from a group wishing to meet with Commissioners individually. He said it is best for charter school stakeholders to communicate with the Commission through staff and suggested that

Commissioners who are approached by individuals refer those individuals to staff.

The other Commissioners agreed with this view.

Shirley Rau, school choice coordinator for the State Department of Education, introduced herself and said she is available to provide technical support to charter schools.

Chairman Goesling adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.