

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012
650 W. STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO
CONFERENCE ROOM 302**

A special meeting of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (PCSC) was held Friday, January 20, 2012, at 650 W. State Street, Boise, ID, Conference Room 302. Chairman Alan Reed presided via telephone conference.

The following members were in attendance via telephone conference:

Brad Corkill	Gayann DeMordaunt	Nick Hallett
Gayle O'Donahue	Wanda Quinn	Esther Van Wart

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. PCSC Discussion: Proposed Legislation Regarding Charter School Advance Funding

Tamara Baysinger, PCSC director, advised the PCSC that proposed legislation previously approved by the PCSC appears to be unnecessary going forward. The State Department of Education (SDE) has found a way to mitigate this issue legislatively. PCSC staff suggests that PCSC recommend to the State Board of Education (SBOE) that the legislation be held without introduction.

Commissioner Quinn asked if we are holding the legislation because of the number of schools affected, or because the SDE is going to handle the issue differently.

Ms. Baysinger said both are true. Due to the way the SDE is handling the issue, there is only one school affected.

M/S (O'Donahue/Van Wart): To direct staff to convey to the State Board of Education the Public Charter School Commission's recommendation that RS 20819 be held without introduction. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. PCSC Discussion: Mission Statement

Ms. Baysinger introduced a draft mission statement for the PCSC.

Commissioner DeMordaunt suggested adding the word "authorizing" prior to "best practices" in order to clarify that the PCSC is not in the business of operating schools.

Commissioner Quinn questioned the term "protecting".

Ms. Baysinger said that language refers to protecting student interests and came directly from the National Association for Charter Schools' (NACSA) Three Core Principles of Charter School Authorizing.

M/S (DeMordaunt/Corkill): To adopt the following as the PCSC's mission statement:

“The Public Charter School Commission’s mission is to ensure PCSC-authorized public charter schools’ compliance with Idaho statute, protecting student and public interests by balancing high standards of accountability with respect for the autonomy of public charter schools and implementing best authorizing practices to ensure the excellence of public charter school options available to Idaho families.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner DeMordaunt commended Ms. Baysinger for her work in bringing this item forward and her thoughtful process drafting the language.

3. Staff Update: Legislative Update

Ms. Baysinger updated the PCSC on the status of proposed legislation that would lift the growth cap on new public charter schools. She also conveyed a request from Representative Nonini that members of the PCSC meet with the House Education Committee when they are in town for the February PCSC meeting.

The PCSC agreed that questions from members of the legislative committee should be answered by Chairman Reed, with possible input from Vice-Chair DeMordaunt and Ms. Baysinger.

The PCSC further agreed to change the February 9 meeting start time to 10:30 a.m. in order to accommodate the House Education Committee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.