

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013
IDAHO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
EAST WING 41, BOISE, IDAHO**

A regular meeting of the Idaho Public Charter School Commission (PCSC) was held Thursday, October 10, 2013, Idaho State Capitol Building, Boise, ID, East Wing 41. Chairman Alan Reed presided.

The following members were in attendance:

Gayann DeMordaunt	Gayle O'Donahue
Wanda Quinn	Brian Scigliano

The following members were absent:

Nick Hallett	Esther Van Wart
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Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. He welcomed Gayann DeMordaunt back to the Commission to complete Commissioner Corkill's term of office.

A) COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review / Approval

M/S: (Quinn/O'Donahue): To approve the agenda as published. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Minutes Approval

M/S: (Quinn/O'Donahue): To approve the meeting minutes from August 15, 2013, and August 30, 2013, as submitted. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B) NEW CHARTER PETITION

1. Idaho College and Career Readiness Academy Charter Petition (First Hearing)

Kerry Wysocki, Chairman of the Board & Treasurer; Chris Yorgason, School's Counsel; Chris Wood, Vice Chairman of the Board; Monti Pitman, K-12 Consultant; Mike Falconer, Board Member; and Mark McCormack, Board Member, represented IDCCRA.

Mr. Wysocki and Mr. Wood introduced the proposed school, as well as its board, partnerships, sample program of study, and benefits for students/parents.

Mr. Wysocki said the school will not be a professional-technical school as defined by the Idaho Division of Professional Technical Education (PTE). Instead, IDCCRA will work toward building technical backgrounds and guiding career paths for students who may later seek PTE certification through the state.

Mr. Pittman said that, as a new school, IDCCRA would be unable to meet the criteria and requirements of a certified PTE program. IDCCRA may work toward that certification at a future date.

Mr. Wysocki described possible providers of internet-based career technical curriculum for IDCCRA. A selection will be made following petition approval.

Mr. Pittman cited a K-12 survey indicating likelihood that 62% of respondents showed interest in online career technical education; 22% would be very interested in enrollment, and 49% would be likely to enroll.

Mr. Wysocki said to date, 20 families indicated interest in IDCCRA.

Mr. Pittman said IDCCRA anticipates that additional students will show interest in the near future.

Commissioner Quinn commended the school for its board, which includes members from the relevant sector of the business community. She noted that the PCSC's thorough petition review process is designed to increase the likelihood that new schools will be successful. She said she felt the school would benefit from further development of some sections of the petition.

Commissioner DeMordaunt said she is excited to see a relevant and experienced board. She noted that a need for PTE has been established at the national level and said that, while the petition has some gaps, it represents a strong proposal.

M/S (DeMordaunt/O'Donahue): To approve the petition for Idaho College and Career Readiness Academy.

Commissioner Quinn said she felt a delayed decision would be appropriate, adding that Idaho's virtual schools haven't performed above average on the Star Rating system. Additional preparation time may be beneficial to the school.

Commissioner Scigliano agreed with Commissioner Quinn that additional time and petition development would contribute to IDCCRA's success.

Commissioner O'Donahue noted that the school does need to demonstrate more enrollment interest.

Chairman Reed said the Commission adopted a policy in June 2013 that a charter petition must score at least a 2 on every indicator of the charter petition evaluation rubric. The IDCCRA petition does not presently meet that standard.

Tamara Baysinger, PCSC Director, added that the policy includes an option for the PCSC to change scores on the rubric through use of motions. They also have the option of contingent petition approval; such approval would typically be contingent on specific changes made to PCSC staff's satisfaction.

Substitute Motion (Quinn): To approve the petition for Idaho College and Career Readiness Academy contingent upon satisfactory completion of the additional revisions recommended in PCSC staff's October 1, 2013, petition review. "Satisfactory completion" will be determined by PCSC staff. *The motion passed unanimously.*

C) CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES

Ms. Baysinger described the collaborative process through which individualized Performance Certificates and Mission-Specific Framework goals were drafted. She said all the proposed Performance Certificates before the PCSC today were recommended for approval by the PCSC's Performance Certificate Negotiation Subcommittee.

1. Heritage Community Charter School

M/S (O'Donahue/Scigliano): To execute the Heritage Community Charter School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Rolling Hills Public Charter School

M/S (O'Donahue/DeMordaunt): To execute the Rolling Hills Public Charter School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Syringa Mountain School

M/S (O'Donahue/Quinn): To execute the Syringa Mountain School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner Quinn inquired whether all the revisions to the SMS charter petition have been made as required by the contingent approval.

Ms. Baysinger confirmed that the petition is completed and approved.

4. The Village Charter School

M/S (O'Donahue/Scigliano): To execute the Village Charter School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

5. Wings Charter School

M/S (O'Donahue/Quinn): To execute the Wings Charter School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

6. North Valley Academy

M/S (O'Donahue/Scigliano): To execute the North Valley Academy School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

7. American Heritage Charter School

M/S (O'Donahue/DeMordaunt): To execute the American Heritage Charter School Performance Certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Chairman Reed asked the Commission if they felt comfortable with approving Performance Certificates through consent agenda in the future.

Commissioner DeMordaunt said she preferred to keep these items off a consent agenda to maintain interactions with the schools.

Commissioner Quinn asked the schools present how they felt about the process.

Tony Richard, Administrator at The Village Charter School, stated they had experienced strong support from Ms. Baysinger and Ms. Henken, who guided them to craft something they are very proud of. PCSC staff was consistently supportive and encouraging through the process. It has added to the collective trust and built a bridge of understanding between the school and the Commission.

Rachael Smith, Board Member at The Village Charter School, said she felt like Ms. Baysinger was a team member in the process and she particularly appreciated the flexibility to make a last minute change.

Commissioner Quinn asked about maintenance of student records when a charter school closes.

Ms. Baysinger said closure protocol indicates the school needs to establish where that is, but Idaho Statute does not address this issue. The conclusion that has been reached among SDE and PCSC staff at this time is that the school's board is

responsible for making sure records can be accessed and are kept safe and confidential.

Commissioner O'Donahue expressed her hope that the Performance Certificate and Framework will help strengthen schools. She cautioned against relying on these documents to shore up quality issues with new petitions.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.