

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

October 11, 2018
304 N. 8th Street, Boise, Idaho
Borah Building, Room 242
(Telephone Meeting)
1-720-279-0026

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

Alan Reed
Sherilynn Bair
Nils Peterson
Kitty Kunz

Brian Scigliano, and Julie Van Orden attended in person.

Commissioner Wanda Quinn was absent.

TAB A: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/Approval

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

2. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Bair/Van Orden): To approve the minutes from August 16, 2018, as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. PCSC 2019 Meeting Calendar

Tamara Baysinger PCSC Director, presented the proposed meeting calendar for 2019. In addition to the regular meetings, the calendar includes a special meeting in early March for charter renewal consideration.

M/S (Bair/Kunz): To approve February 14, 2019; April 11, 2019; June 13, 2019; August 15, 2019; October 10, 2019; and December 12, 2019 as the dates and Boise, Idaho, as the location for the PCSC's 2019 regularly scheduled meetings. *The motion passed unanimously.*

M/S (Van Orden/Scigliano): To approve March 1, 2019, as the date and Boise, Idaho, as the location for the PCSC's special meeting for charter renewal consideration. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB B: ADOPTION OF NEW PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

1. FORGE International Academy

Director Baysinger said the petition for FORGE International Academy was approved at the PCSC's August 2018 regular meeting. Staff has worked with FORGE to reach agreement on the individualized sections of the performance certificate.

Commissioner Van Orden recused herself from the upcoming vote regarding Forge due to her membership on the board of the Idaho Youth Ranch, which will collaborate with Forge.

M/S (Kunz/Scigliano): A motion to execute FORGE International Academy's performance certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Treasure Valley Classical Academy

Director Baysinger said the petition for Treasure Valley Classical Academy was approved with a condition at the PCSC's August 2018 regular meeting. Staff has worked with TVCA to reach agreement on the individualized sections of the performance certificate.

M/S (Scigliano/Kunz): A motion to execute Treasure Valley Classical Academy's performance certificate as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB C: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHARTER AND PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS

1. White Pine Charter School

Tony Lima, WPCS Board Chair, presented the proposal to expand WPCS into grades 9-12 and incorporate a mastery based STEM program for grades 7-12. He reviewed the community need for this program and described the proposed curriculum and educational model.

Jeremy Clarke, WPCS Administrator, described the enrollment plan and budgets. He reviewed facility and financing options associated with the proposal.

Chairman Reed expressed his concern regarding meeting enrollment targets due to a new high school having just been built in District 93.

Commissioner Van Orden stated that she makes the following motion with hesitation as she feels the intent of the law was for charter schools to work with institutions of higher learning toward the provision of this type of program.

M/S (Van Orden/Bair): To approve the proposed charter amendment as submitted by White Pine Charter School related to expansion into high school and the development of a STEM program. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB D: OTHER

1. **Staff Update: 2018 New PCSC Portfolio School Opening**

Jenn Thompson, PCSC Finance and Resource Program Manager, reviewed how the pre-opening and opening process went for the schools that the Commission approved to begin operations in fall 2018. Those schools are Future Public School, Gem Prep: Meridian, Peace Valley Charter School, and Project Impact STEM Academy.

Commissioner Bair inquired about the progress toward STEM accreditation for Project Impact STEM Academy.

Ms. Thompson stated that they are pursuing their accreditation through Advanced ED.

2. **Staff Update: Federal Charter School Program Grant Award**

Director Baysinger explained that Bluum recently received the Federal Charter Schools Program Grant, which is targeted at expanding high quality charter options. \$17.1 million was awarded for a 5-year span. Most of the funds will be used for school startups, expansions, and replications.

Commissioner Bair inquired about a timeline.

Suzanne Metzgar, Director of Partner Services for Bluum, said they are hoping to open applications in early January.

M/S (Van Orden/Scigliano): To adjourn the meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*
The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.