

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

October 10, 2019
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:

Alan Reed
Brian Scigliano
Wanda Quinn (by phone)
Nils Peterson
Kitty Kunz
Sherrilynn Bair
Julie VanOrden

TAB A: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/Approval

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

2. Minutes Review/Approval

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

TAB B: PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

TAB C: CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER PETITION

1. Consideration of New Charter Petition for Gem Prep: Meridian North

Jason Bransford, Chief Executive Director of Gem Innovation Schools, summarized the instructional model and facilities plan of the proposed Gem Prep: Meridian North (GPMN). Mr. Bransford addressed the efficiencies and challenges associated with the growing Gem Prep network of schools and updated the PCSC on academic outcomes of the existing schools.

The Commission asked about community interest in high school attendance at GPMN.

M/S (Bair/Van Orden): To approve the new charter petition for Gem Prep: Meridian North. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB D: SCHOOL UPDATE

1. Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center Conditions Status

Jenn Thompson, PCSC School Finance and Resource Program Manager, said that BCCLC's charter was renewed in March 2019 with several conditions. The board of the charter school met the condition to engage in governance training by the September 1, 2019, deadline. The school appears well positioned to meet an upcoming condition regarding its financial status.

Commissioner Scigliano asked about the drop in enrollment.

Ms. Thompson explained that enrollment is about 40 students lower than expected, but the school reports ability to adjust the budget to accommodate the resultant decrease in revenue.

The PCSC requested that staff update them upon BCCLC's submission of budget amendments.

Commissioner VanOrden asked for input from the Idaho School Board Association (ISBA).

Krissy LaMont, ISBA Leadership Development and Member Services Director, summarized the trainings provided by the ISBA to BCCLC. She noted that BCCLC also held town hall meetings for community input.

TAB E: PCSC DISCUSSION

1. Opportunities for Increasing Commissioner Engagement with Schools, Including 2020 Regular PCSC Meeting Calendar

Tamara Baysinger, PCSC Director, said schools and commissioners have expressed interest in increased opportunities for commissioners to get to know schools on a more individual basis. She said the PCSC could consider holding regular meetings in different locations around the state, and commissioners could make time to visit schools in person.

The Commission discussed how school visits could be conducted while remaining in compliance with open meetings law. They directed staff and legal counsel to develop guidelines for schools and commissioners.

M/S (Peterson/Scigliano): To approve the proposed regular meeting dates and locations for 2020. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The approved 2020 meeting dates and locations are:

- February 13, 2020, in Boise, Idaho;
- April 9, 2020, in Idaho Falls, Idaho;
- June 11, 2020, in Boise, Idaho;
- August 13, 2020, in Boise, Idaho;
- October 8, 2020, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and
- December 10, 2020, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

M/S (Peterson/Scigliano): To keep the location of the December 12, 2019, meeting in Boise. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Exploration of Additional Performance Framework Flexibilities

Director Baysinger said schools and commissioners have expressed interest in increased flexibility of academic accountability measures within individual schools' performance frameworks. She suggested that the PCSC task its Renewal Committee with exploration of opportunities and challenges related to this topic.

M/S (Quinn/Peterson): To task the Renewal Committee with the exploration of opportunities for increasing performance framework flexibility and request that the committee present recommendations to the PCSC at or before the PCSC's April 2020 regular meeting. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM.