

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

December 10, 2020
304 N 8th St, Boise, Idaho
Zoom Meeting

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00 a.m. The following Commissioners attended remotely:

Alan Reed
Sherrilynn Bair
Brian Scigliano
Wanda Quinn
Nils Peterson
Kitty Kunz
Julie VanOrden

TAB I: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/Approval

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano) Motion to approve the October 8, 2020 minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Meeting Calendar for FY21

M/S (Peterson/VanOrden) Motion to approve the proposed PCSC meeting dates as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB II: PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Rogers, with St. Alphonsus, spoke in support of Cardinal Academy and described the services that will be offered. She stated that St. Alphonsus will provide support to the school.

Jennifer Cook, Associate Program Director of Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, spoke about the services they have provided to the former Marian Pritchett School and will continue to provide to Cardinal Academy.

Kaitlyn Dillon, a former student of Marian Pritchett School read a letter of support for Cardinal Academy outlining her personal experience as a student.

TAB III: CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER PETITION

Director Thompson summarized the new charter petition for Cardinal Academy. This school would serve pregnant and parenting teens. She stated the staff recommendations would be to either deny the petition or approve with the conditions noted in the meeting materials.

Patricia Kempthorne, Board Chair for Cardinal Academy provided an overview of Cardinal Academy and the previous Marian Pritchett School.

Emily Bergstrom, Executive Director of Cardinal Academy spoke about the enrollment projections for Cardinal Academy.

Cathie Olschanowsky, Cardinal Academy Board Treasurer spoke about the various grants that they will apply for if the petition is approved.

Greg Richmond, board director of Cardinal Academy and member of the school's finance committee, spoke about the school's financial viability and their plan to keep seats open throughout the school year unlike a traditional charter school.

Emily McClure, Vice Chair with Cardinal Academy and Hannah Gayle, Cardinal Academy Board Member also spoke about community support for the school.

Discussion followed concerning enrollment numbers, academics, and recruitment.

Douglas Park, former Boise School District Board Member spoke in support of Cardinal Academy.

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) A motion to approve the Cardinal Academy Public Charter School new charter school petition with the following conditions:

- a) No later than May 26, 2021, the school must evidence 50 students by record of accepted offers; and
- b) No later than May 26, 2021, the school must evidence award of 100% of the anticipated grants and philanthropic dollars included in the pre-operational and break-even year 1 budgets as presented in the petition; and
- c) No later than May 26, 2021, the school must evidence a fully executed facility lease specifying that the annual lease payment will not exceed the state reimbursement for facilities and lottery funds received by the school in any given year as described in the petition. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB IV: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Thompson provided an update on the schools, the new performance framework, and annual reports.

TAB V: LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

Director Thompson highlighted a couple of bills that are expected to be presented this year and changes in legislators on the education committee.

TAB VI: DISCUSSION

Director Thompson shared an article with the commission; "Identifying Indicators of Stress in Charter Schools". Discussion followed.

M/S (Bair/Peterson) A motion to adjourn. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

The meeting minutes were approved by the PCSC on February 11, 2021

Meeting minutes approval verified by *Jane Thompson*