

MEETING MINUTES

IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

February 11, 2021
304 N 8th St, Boise, Idaho
Zoom Meeting

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was paused at 9:02 a.m. for technical difficulties. The meeting resumed at 9:09 a.m. The following Commissioners attended remotely:

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

TAB I: COMMISSION WORK

1. Agenda Review/Approval

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

2. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Van Orden/Peterson) Motion to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

3. PCSC Policy Update

Director Thompson explained the proposed changes to PCSC policy concerning public comment. The purpose of the change is to clarify procedures.

MS (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to approve the PCSC policy changes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB II: WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No written public comment was received.

TAB III. CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

Director Thompson presented the proposed performance certificate for Cardinal Academy.

M/S (Van Orden/Kunz) Motion to execute the performance certificate for Cardinal Academy as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB IV. CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR AMENDMENT

Director Thompson explained that Anser Charter School would like to expand their grades served to include 9th grade for the purpose of better alignment with area middle schools.

Heather Dennis, Organization Director, Anser Charter School and Michelle Dunstan, Executive Director, Anser Charter School shared their expansion plans to include 9th grade and how this change would benefit their students.

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to approve Anser Charter School's amendment request as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER PETITION – ELEVATE ACADEMY NORTH

Director Thompson described the proposed new charter school, Elevate Academy North. The school proposes a career technology program for at-risk students. The school would serve approximately 480 students in grades 6-12 at capacity.

Monica White, CEO Elevate Academy, Kellie Foreman, Board Chair and Marita Diffenbaugh, proposed Principal for Elevate Academy North spoke about the need for the school in northern Idaho.

The school will partner with Elevate Academy Caldwell to purchase management services.

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to approve the proposed new charter school Elevate Academy North as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB VI. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER PETITION – ELEVATE ACADEMY NAMPA

Director Thompson described the proposed new charter school, Elevate Academy Nampa. The school proposes a career technology program for at-risk students. The school would serve approximately 480 students in grades 6-12 at capacity.

Monica White, CEO Elevate Academy highlighted the plans for the school and the qualifications of the principal, Jewels Carpenter and assistant principal, Phil Diplock.

Phil Diplock presented information about the school and the programs that will be offered.

The school will partner with Elevate Academy Caldwell to purchase management services.

M/S (Quinn/Kunz) Motion to approve the proposed new charter school Elevate Academy Nampa as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

TAB VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Thompson shared information concerning the portfolio-wide annual report, the new performance framework, and our new school choice publication.

Director Thompson also provided an update to the renewal process for charter schools.

TAB VIII. LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Director Thompson confirmed that commissioners Scigliano, Quinn, and Bair have been reappointed for another term.

Director Thompson highlighted bills that could affect the commission and charter schools.

TAB IX. PCSC FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Julie Van Orden and Director Thompson updated the commission on the PCSC budget.

M/S (Peterson/Van Orden) Motion to adjourn. *The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The meeting minutes were approved by the PCSC on April 8, 2021.

Meeting minutes approval verified by: Jenn Thompson

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