

**MEETING MINUTES  
IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

December 9, 2021  
Idaho State Capitol Building, EW41  
Boise, ID 83702

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed on December 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Alan Reed – Present  
Sherrilynn Bair – Present  
Brian Scigliano – Present  
Wanda Quinn – Present  
Nils Peterson – Present  
Julie VanOrden – Present  
7<sup>th</sup> Seat Vacant

**I: COMMISSION WORK**

**A. Agenda Review/Approval**

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

**B. Minutes Review/Approval**

**M/S (Quinn/Bair)** Motion to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**II: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment was offered by Dave Litster regarding his support of the proposed policy revision.

**III: CONSIDERATION OF POLICY REVISIONS**

The IPCSC was asked to consider removing Section II.A.4 from its policy. The proposed revisions would remove Section II.A.4 which would allow petitions not qualifying to apply as replications to instead be submitted for consideration as new petitions.

**M/S (Bair/Scigliano)** Motion to approve the proposed policy revision as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**IV: CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER SCHOOL PETITIONS**

## **A. Virtual Preparatory Academy of Idaho**

Virtual Preparatory Academy of Idaho presented a petition to open a new charter school. James Konantz, a contractor for Accel Learning and Gary Lough, board director for Idaho Collaborative Learning Partners, LLC. provided a presentation to the commission.

The Commission engaged in discussion with the petitioners, specifically about the structure of the board, recruitment plans, and the relationship between the school and the education services provider.

**M/S (Peterson/Scigliano)** Motion to deny the petition on the following grounds:

- a. The petition proposes a school operated by a for-profit education services provider;
- b. The governing board's capacity to govern was not established during the petition review process;
- c. A copy of the draft facilities lease was not included in the charter application.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

Staff issued a written notice of denial to the VPAI petitioners on December 16, 2021.

## **B. Kootenai Classical Academy**

Kootenai Classical Academy presented a petition to open a new charter school. Ed Kaitz, board chair, and all other board directors collaboratively provided a presentation to the commission.

The Commission engaged in discussion with the petitioners, specifically about the changes in this petition since the last submission.

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

## **V: DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Thompson presented a draft of the 2021 annual portfolio report, shared progress made toward strategic plan goals, updated Commissioners about renewal process procedures, and previewed several items that will be formally considered at the Commission's April annual meeting.

No action.

## **VI: FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Van Orden, chair of the Finance Committee, provided a report from the Committee's November 29, 2021 meeting. Director Thompson presented the Commission with a first read of a proposed policy revision that will be considered for

adoption in February. Finance Program Manager, Erik Olson reviewed FY22 financial reports.

No action.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Reed at 12:51pm.

The meeting minutes were approved by the IPCSC on February 10, 2022. Meeting minutes

approval verified by: *Jenn Thompson* Feb 16, 2022