

**MEETING MINUTES
IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

June 9, 2022
Joe R. Williams Building, West Conference Room
700 W. State St.
Boise, ID 83702

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed on June 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Alan Reed – Present
Sherrilynn Bair – Present
Nils Peterson – Present
Brian Scigliano – Present via Zoom
Wanda Quinn – Present via Zoom
Dean Fisher – Present via Zoom
Julie VanOrden – Present via Zoom, excused at 10:27 a.m.

I: COMMISSION WORK

A. Agenda Review/Approval

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

B. Minutes Review/Approval

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano) Motion to approve the April 14, 2022 minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

II: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

III: PRE-OPENING UPDATE

IPCSC Program Manager, Jared Dawson, provided Commissioners with an update on the pre-opening status of Gem Prep Meridian South, Elevate Academy North, Elevate Academy Nampa, and Mountain Community School, all of which have been approved to begin operations in the fall of 2022. All schools are on-track to open on time. No action.

IV: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Thompson shared updates on the IPCSC's new office location and staffing efforts, ongoing staff operations, and upcoming events. No action.

V. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

The IPCSC was presented with requests to amend two performance certificates.

- A. Project Impact STEM Academy requested an amendment to its charter and performance certificate that would adjust its primary attendance area. The school's original primary attendance area aligned with the Kuna School District, the requested change would incorporate a small area of West Ada School District. Director Thompson verified that the West Ada School District was informed of the amendment with 30 days' notice and did not indicate any concerns.

Chairman Reed invited representatives of the school to address the Commission. Theresa Fleming, board chair and Jill Hettinger, Administrator, addressed the Commission with an offer to answer questions. Commissioners did not have additional questions.

M/S (Fisher/Peterson) Motion to approve the performance certificate amendment for Project Impact STEM Academy as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- B. Cardinal Academy requested an amendment to its charter and performance certificate that would allow the school to implement a change from a traditionally structured administration to an outsourced management services structure through a professional services agreement between Cardinal Academy and Elevate Academy Foundation.

Written comment regarding this agenda item was received by the IPCSC office on June 8, 2022 and was read into the record. The letter, submitted by Dan Skinner, General Counsel for Boise School District, stated the district's opposition of Cardinal Academy's revision request. The meeting materials were subsequently amended to include the letter.

Chairman Reed invited representatives of the school to address the Commission. Patricia Kempthorne, board chair, and board directors Cathie Olschanowski, Brady Watkins, and Jason Hudson addressed the Commission with an explanation of their request and offered to answer questions. Ms. Kempthorne brought hard copies of additional documentation to share with the Commission; however, these were not passed out or otherwise presented to commissioners and Chairman Reed did not accept them into the record.

Director Thompson provided a brief introduction to the request and read the written comment. Commissioners engaged in discussion with the Cardinal Academy board representatives for approximately 35 minutes before moving into final deliberations and making a motion.

M/S (Quinn/Scigliano) Motion to deny the performance certificate amendment for Cardinal Academy as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

A final order stating the reasons for the denial was delivered to the board chair on June 17, 2022. The video recording of this meeting will be retained by the IPCSC.

VI. NOTIFICATIONS OF FISCAL CONCERN

The IPCSC reviewed three notifications of fiscal concerns.

M/S (Peterson/Fisher) Motion to lift the notification of fiscal concern for Bingham Academy as of June 30, 2022. *The motion passed unanimously.*

M/S (Scigliano/Peterson) Motion to lift the notification of fiscal concern for Peace Valley Charter School as of June 30, 2022. *The motion passed unanimously.*

M/S (Peterson/Quinn) Motion to maintain the notification of fiscal concern for The Village Leadership Academy through fiscal year 2023. *The motion passed unanimously.*

VII. ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

IPCSC Program Manager, Melissa-Jo Rivera provided Commissioners with an overview of FY21 annual reports for the following schools: Falcon Ridge Public Charter School, Future Public School, Gem Prep Meridian, Heritage Community Charter School, Idaho Science and Technology Charter School. No action.

VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

A Finance Committee meeting was held on April 22, 2022 to discuss minor adjustment to the FY24 budget line item requests that were approved by the IPCSC on April 14, 2022 as requested by the Division of Financial Management. Director Thompson provided the update. No action.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S (Peterson/Bair) Motion to adjourn. *The motion passed unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.*

The meeting minutes were approved by the IPCSC on August 25, 2022. Meeting minutes verified by

Jann Thompson

Aug 30, 2022