

**MEETING MINUTES
IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

March 8, 2023
Joe R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St, West Conference Room
Boise, ID 83702

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed on March 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Alan Reed – Present
Sherrilynn Bair – Present
Karen Echeverria – Present via Zoom
Wanda Quinn – Present via Zoom
Dean Fisher – Present
Nils Peterson – Present
Brian Scigliano – Resigned 3/7/23; Resignation was noted at roll call.

I. CHARTER RENEWAL HEARING

On November 15, 2022 Director Thompson issued a notice of recommendation to Monticello Montessori Charter School recommending that the school be renewed with seven conditions. The school's board agreed to these conditions. However, on February 23, 2023 the IPCSC rejected the consent agreement for charter renewal for Monticello Montessori Charter School, resulting in this March 8th charter renewal hearing.

The commission served as the hearing officer, with Chairman Reed presiding. The commission was represented by Amber Kauffman, Deputy Attorney General.

Commission staff, a party to the hearing, was represented by Adam Warr, Deputy Attorney General.

Monticello Montessori Charter School was represented by Jill Holinka of Holinka Law.

Director Thompson provided testimony on behalf of commission staff and for the purpose of presenting the Director's recommendation and reasoning.

David Meyer, board chair; Jeannie Johnson, Principal; and Cari Smith, Business Manager presented testimony on behalf of the school.

M/S (Quinn/Fisher) Motion to approve Monticello Montessori Charter School as submitted by staff with conditions.

During motion discussion, Commissioner Fisher recommended amending the motion to change the due date of condition 1 such that the school's progress could be reviewed at the scheduled June 8th meeting.

Commissioner Quinn so amended the motion.

Amended Motion: **M/S (Quinn/Fisher)** Motion to approve Monticello Montessori Charter School as submitted by staff in the Notification of Director's Renewal Recommendation, with a change of the due date for condition 1 from July 1, 2023 to June 8, 2023. *Recorded: Bair, Aye; Peterson, Aye; Fisher, Aye; Quinn, Aye; Echeverria, Nay. Motion passed 4:1.*

A video recording of the full proceeding and copies of all exhibits entered into the record are retained in the IPCSC office.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commission entered into executive session at 4:13 p.m. by roll call vote.

M/S (Echeverria/Peterson) Motion to move into executive session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. *Recorded: Fisher, Aye; Peterson, Aye; Bair, Aye; Quinn, Aye; Echeverria, Aye. Motion passed unanimously.*

III. CONSIDERATION OF LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

The commission returned to open session at 4:48 p.m.

A. Consideration of Resignation

Director Thompson submitted a letter of resignation on 3/3/2023. Resignation to be effective as of 3/31/23.

M/S (Peterson/Bair) Motion to accept the resignation of Director Jenn Thompson. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Consideration of Interim Director

M/S (Bair/Echeverria) Motion to appoint Mel Rivera as the Interim Director for the IPCSC until the position can be filled permanently. *The motion passed unanimously.*

C. Authorization to Post Position

M/S (Fisher/Peterson) Motion to authorize Chairman Reed to work with the Idaho Department of Human Resources and the Governor's office to post the position of Director so that the IPCSC can accomplish the search in a timely manner. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

The meeting minutes were approved by the IPCSC on April 13, 2023. Meeting minutes approval verified by

Melissa-Jo Rivera

Apr 18, 2023