



MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: October 12, 2023

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Joe R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St, West Conference Room, Boise, ID 83702

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed on October 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Reed

Vice Chair Bair

Commissioner Koehler

Commissioner Peterson

Commissioner Quinn

Commissioner Fisher

Staff Present:

Director Alex Adams, IPCSC

Adam Warr, Attorney General's Office

Jared Dawson, IPCSC

Melissa-Jo Rivera, IPCSC

Jacob Smith, IPCSC

I. COMMISSION WORK

A. Agenda Review/Approval

Motion/Second (Peterson/Fisher) Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion passed unanimously.

B. Minutes Review/Approval

Motion/Second (Peterson/Fisher) Motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2023 Regular meeting as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

II. STAFF UPDATES

Director Adams reported that staff is working on one new charter petition, North Idaho Classical Academy. Director Adams discussed his efforts on meeting with members of the charter school community in order to assemble the strategic planning session for today.

III. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT (Action Item)

Jason Bransford, CEO of Gem Innovations presented the request to amend the performance certificate for Gem Prep: Twin Falls to remove enrollment constraints so the school can accelerate the expansion of their facility to meet the student demand.

Motion and Second: (Quinn/Peterson)

1. Motion to waive IPCSC policy for Gem Prep: Twin Falls in order to modify their performance certificate based on their successful track record with operating seven other schools.
2. Motion to remove the language from Gem Prep: Twin Falls performance certification that includes the sentence, "Enrollment during the school's first years of operation shall be limited to the following:" and remove the enrollment chart following this sentence to be also be removed.

2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 and beyond
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3. Acknowledgement by the Commission that other similar situated schools would receive similar treatment in the future.

Substitute Motion and Second (Bair/Peterson)

Motion to remove the language from Gem Prep: Twin Falls performance certification that includes the sentence, "Enrollment during the school's first years of operation shall be limited to the following:" and remove the enrollment chart following this sentence to be also be removed.

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Substitute motion passed unanimously (Dr. Fisher abstained from vote due to collaboration between College of Southern Idaho and Gem Prep: Twin Falls)

IV. ANNUAL REPORT REVIEWS

Program Manager Jared Dawson discussed the FY22 Annual Reports for schools that are up for 5-year charter renewal beginning July 1, 2024. Information presented for Alturas International Academy, Blackfoot Charter, Gem Prep: Pocatello, Liberty Charter, Victory Charter, White Pine Charter.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments reserved for the strategic planning discussion.

VI. STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

IPCSC Commissioners, Director Adams, Jim Goenner (Charter School Institute) and numerous members from the charter school community discussed the direction of the Commission, resources for charter schools, and need for support of charter schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.