

MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Start Time: 9:00 A.M., MST

Physical Location: Joe R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St, West Conference Room, Boise, ID 83720

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed on February 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:	Staff Present:
Chairman Reed - Present	Director Jacob Smith, IPCSC
Vice Chair Bair - Present	Tim Davis, Attorney General's Office
Commissioner Koehler - Present	Jen Coffey, IPCSC
Commissioner Hedrick - Present	Naysa Shepherd, IPCSC
Commissioner Quinn – Present via Zoom	
Commissioner Fisher - absent	
Commissioner Amador – Present via Zoom	

I. COMMISSION WORK (Action Items)

A. Agenda - Review / Approval

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Koehler) Motion to approve the agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Minutes - Review / Approval

i. Special meeting – December 7, 2023

ii. Regular Commission Meeting – December 14, 2023

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Koehler) Motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023 Special Commission meeting and December 14, 2023 Regular Commission meeting as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

II. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION (Action Item)

A. 9:15am – 9:40am

i. Gem Prep: Rexburg (In-person)

Administrator Jason Bransford gave a presentation with Chief Financial Officer Bryan Fletcher and Chief Growth Officer Josh Femreite available for questions.

No discussion.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Koehler) Motion to approve the new charter school petition for Gem Prep: Rexburg as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

III. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENTS TO RENEW CHARTER WITH CONDITIONS (Action Item)

A. 9:45am – 10:15am

i. Blackfoot Community Charter School (in-person)

Charter Director Craig Gerard and Business Manager Steve Bailey presented in person and were available for questions.

Discussion focused on the school's academic performance and commission's desire to have the school report annually to ensure progress toward improvement in academic performance.

Motion/Second (Bair/Koehler) A motion to reject the consent agreement for charter renewal as presented and direct the staff and the school to agree to a new consent agreement with yearly academic reporting measures including ISAT proficiency and growth in ELA and Math and proficiency and growth in the IRI to be presented at a future meeting before March 15, 2024 for Commission's consideration. *The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGREEMENTS TO RENEW CHARTER WITHOUT CONDITIONS (Action Item)

A. 10:15am – 10:30am

i. Connor Academy (In-person)

Administrator Joel Lovestedt gave a brief presentation and was available for questions. No discussion

B. 10:30am – 10:45am

i. Alturas International Academy (In-person)

Executive Director Michelle Ball gave a brief presentation virtually and was joined by Principal Reece Drkula virtually to be available for questions. No discussion

C. 10:45am – 11:00am

i. Xavier Charter School (In-person)

Administrator Gary Moon gave presentation virtually. No discussion

D. 11:15am – 11:30am

i. Gem Prep: Pocatello (In-person)

Principal Jake Sorenson and Assistant Principal Elizabeth Saari gave presentation in person.

No discussion

E. 11:30am – 11:45am

i. Compass Public Charter School (In-person)

Board Chair Norm Varin gave presentation in person and was joined by Administrator Kelly Trudeau virtually to be available for questions.

No discussion

F. 11:45am – 12:00pm

i. White Pine Charter School (Virtual)

Charter Administrator Ron Cote gave presentation virtually.

No discussion.

G. 12:00pm – 12:15pm

i. Taylor Crossing Public Charter School (Virtual)

Principal Administrator Seth Boyle gave presentation virtually.

No discussion.

H. 1:00pm – 1:15pm

i. Sage International Boise (In-person)

Executive Director Andy Johnson and Operations Emily Downey gave presentation for Sage International Boise.

No discussion.

I. 1:15pm – 1:30pm

i. Sage International Middleton (In-person)

Executive Director Andy Johnson and Director of Finance and Operations Emily Downey gave presentation for Sage International Middleton.

No discussion

J. 1:30pm – 1:45pm

i. Treasure Valley Classical Academy (In-person)

Principal Dr. Clint Condra and Executive Director Stephen Lambert gave presentation.

No discussion.

K. 1:45pm – 2:00pm

i. Vision Charter School (Virtual)

Charter Administrator Wendy Oldenkamp gave presentation virtually and was joined by Board Chair David Snow to be available for questions.

No discussion.

L. 2:15pm – 2:30pm

i. Liberty Charter School (In-person)

Federal Programs and Special Projects Manager Gayle O’ Donahue was available for questions.

No discussion.

M. 2:30pm – 2:45pm

i. Victory Charter School (In-person)

Co-Administrator Dr Saunders, Co-Administrator Tera Luce and Board Clerk Niki Crow were available for questions virtually.

No discussion.

N. 2:45pm - 3:00pm

i. Anser Charter School (Virtual)

Board Chair Brian Whitney gave presentation virtually.

No discussion.

O. 3:00pm – 3:15pm

i. Elevate Caldwell (In-person)

Executive Director Monica White and Principal CJ Watson gave presentation.

No discussion

Motion/Second (Hendrick/Bair) A motion to approve the consent agreement for the following schools with no conditions as presented, thereby renewing the school’s charter for another five years of operations. Those schools are:

Alturas International Academy	Sage International – Boise
Anser Charter School	Sage International – Middleton
Compass Charter School	Taylor’s Crossing Public Charter School
Connor Academy	Treasure Valley Classical Academy
Elevate (Caldwell) Academy	Victory Charter School
Gem Prep: Pocatello	Vision Charter School
Liberty Charter School	White Pine Charter School
	Xavier Charter School

The motion passed unanimously.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jacob Smith shared updates on the agency budget and expectation of further discussion in the April 11th Commission meeting about the budget and upcoming plans for supporting the commission for the upcoming year. Chairman Reed asked for Commissioners to let him know if they would like to be a part of the Finance Committee.

No action.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

Meeting adjourned 3:11 pm