

MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 10, 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 October 10, 2024 at 9:01 am

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| Commissioners Present: | Staff Present: |
| Chairman Reed - Present | Director Jacob Smith, IPCSC |
| Vice Chair Bair – Absent | Jared Dawson, IPCSC |
| Commissioner Koehler - Present | Jen Coffey, IPCSC |
| Commissioner Hedrick - Present | Jean Nichols, IPCSC |
| Commissioner Quinn – Present | Naysa Shepherd, IPCSC |
| Commissioner Amador – Absent | |

I. COMMISSION WORK (Action Item)

A. Agenda Review / Approval

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

B. Minutes Review / Approval

Motion/Second (Quinn/Hedrick) Motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2024 Regular Commission meeting as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

II. INCREASED CHARTER SUPPORT PRESENTATION

State Department of Education

Ryan Cantrell and Rachel Burk with the State Department of Education gave a presentation on the Increased Charter Support program. This program is put in place to give more support for our charter schools who may be struggling academically. IPCSC’s role will be to identify when to have an update, ask schools about program and evaluate the program effectiveness. Schools are given a choice to participate and are encouraged to set the goals with the leadership and board. The schools committed to this program this year are Blackfoot Charter Community Learning Center, Mountain Community School, Rolling Hills Public Charter School and Peace Valley Public Charter. The Commission has requested an update from the SDE for every meeting.

III. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE (Action Item)

Heritage Academy

Director Smith introduced the amendment to add the proposed grades 9-12 grades and increase maximum enrollment for Heritage Academy. Dr. Christie Ivie was joined by board chair, Paul Stewart, to present to the board. The addition of grades will be progressive with 9th and 10th being added the first year.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Koehler) A motion to approve the amendment as presented to revise the Grades Served found in Section 4(B) and Maximum Enrollment found in Section 5(E) of the 2022-2027 Performance Certificate for Heritage Academy in Jerome Idaho. *The motion passed unanimously*

IV. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Commission Director, Jacob Smith, presented an update to the Commission. He reported the staff are currently working on the annual reports. There is also an agency report that will show how the portfolios schools are doing and how the agency is doing coming after the beginning of the year. Jacob informed the Commission he has been able to connect with several organizations to help identify support for charter school leaders and finding best practices for charter authorizing. Also shared work on policies and resources. Director Smith and Commissioner Hedrick will present at the November 6-7 ISBA Convention.

V. CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENDING FY24 ALTERNATIVE FRAMEWORK (Action Item)

Director Smith gave an overview of the reasons for this request. He explained the challenges that have been encountered by staff and charter schools. He is suggesting the alternative framework be suspended for this current year to give time to make the changes needed for the alternative framework. The main performance framework will still be in place for all schools. Dr Jody Ernst, Vice President of Research and Policy Analytics with Momentum Strategy and Research, joined via zoom to present to the Commission her previous experience with alternative data and the plan moving forward for collaboration with the IPCSC and charter schools to create a more accurate and reliable alternative framework for our schools.

Motion/Second (Koehler/Quinn) A motion to approve the suspension of the *Additional Academic Measures for Alternative Programs Grades 6-12* for the 2023-2024 school year as presented and direct the IPCSC Director to work with the IPCSC Renewal and Performance Committee to develop performance measures for alternative programs to be implemented for the 2024-2025 school year. *The motion passed unanimously*

VI. ISBA PRESENTATION

Idaho School Boards Association

ISBA Executive Director, Misty Swanson, gave a presentation to the commission to give an overview of what the ISBA does and what they can provide for the charter schools. She explained how Idaho is the only state that has a school board association to embrace the charter schools.

VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Strategic Planning Committee

Sherrilynn Bair

Jacob gave an overview of the work the Strategic Planning Committee will be doing with updating the strategic plan.

B. Application and Policy Committee

Sherrilynn Bair

Jacob updated the commission on the work focusing on the new charter application process. This committee will also vet and review any policies.

C. Renewal Committee

Wanda Quinn

Commissioner Quinn discussed the purpose of the renewal committee and what their focus would be moving forward.

D. Finance Committee

Pete Koehler

Commissioner Koehler reported the budget is set for this year and future meetings will focus on ideas for growth and allocation.

VIII. 2025 COMMISSION MEETING DATES (Action Item)

Motion/Second (Quinn/Koehler) Motion to approve the 2025 Commission Meeting Dates as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Action Item)

Commissioner Quinn nominated Commissioner Reed to the office of Chairman for a term to commence immediately and expire in October of 2026. No second is required for a nomination to office, and all commissioners cast a vote. Director Smith called the vote. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Alan Reed shall serve as Chairman of the Public Charter School Commission for a term of two years.

Commissioner Koehler nominated Commissioner Quinn to the office of Vice Chair for a term to commence immediately and expire in October of 2026

Commissioner Quinn nominated Commissioner Bair to the office of Vice Chair for a term to commence immediately and expire in October of 2026.

Commissioner Koehler withdrew his nomination.

No second is required for a nomination to office, and all commissioners cast a vote.

Director Smith called the vote. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner Bair shall serve as Vice Chair of the Public Charter School Commission for a term of two years.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

XI. ADJOURN (Action Item)

Motion/Second (Quinn/Koehler) Motion to adjourn. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned 11:23 am