



MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025

Start Time: 9:00 AM, MST

Physical Location: Capitol Mall Annex, Senate Conference Room, Third Floor, 514 W. Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reed at 9:00am.

Commissioners Present:	Staff Present:
Chairman Reed - Present	Director Rachel Burk, IPCSC
Vice Chair Bair - Present	Jared Dawson, IPCSC
Commissioner Hedrick - Present	Joy Lindner, IPCSC
Commissioner Quinn - Present	Monique Bosse, IPCSC
Commissioner Amador - Present	Brian Tillinger, IPCSC
Commissioner Paulos - Present via Zoom	

Karen Sheehan from the Attorney General’s Office was also present.

I. COMMISSION WORK (Action Item)

Motion/Second (Bair/Hedrick) Motion to approve the October 9, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

II. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Rachel Burk gave a report welcoming new staff members Monique Bosse and Brian Tillinger. The Project Impact STEM Academy board has voted not to open their enrollment for the 2026-2027 year. A relinquishment of the Dry Creek Charter Performance Certificate is expected. Updates on the IPCSC budget and the increased charter support program were given.

III. RECONSIDERATION OF CHARTER APPLICATION AFTER APPEAL DISMISSED AND REMANDED (Action Item)

Representatives from Trailhead Virtual Preparatory Academy gave a presentation, including Attorney Chris Yorgason, Board Chair Sonja Howerton, Board Member Karen McGee, and Board Member Don Lynn via Zoom. Commissioner Bair recused herself from the discussion and vote.

Motion/Second (Amador/Quinn) Motion to approve the application for Trailhead Virtual Academy for a six-year term effective July 1, 2026 with the following conditions:

- a. Trailhead shall submit quarterly enrollment reports to the Commission.
- b. Trailhead shall submit its regular quarterly financials to the Commission that include a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow.
- c. Trailhead shall make a presentation to the Commission covering enrollment, finances and student performance at the conclusion of the first year of school operations.

The motion passed 3-1.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION (Action Item)

Representatives from Riverton Classical Academy gave a presentation, including Board Chair Marvin Lasnick, Board Members Sage Dixon, Stacy Saylor, Justine Edinger, John Bassetti, and Brian Schwalbach, as well as Principal Matt Seely and Stephen Lambert from American Classical Schools of Idaho.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Quinn) Motion to approve the new charter school application for Riverton Classical Academy for a six-year term effective July 1, 2027 with the following condition: Charter holder provides the IPCSC evidence that all grants, loans and contracts that are part of that year 1 budget are signed or otherwise delivered by June 1, 2027. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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

Representatives from Richard McKenna Charter School gave a presentation, including Board Chair William Lamb, Superintendent Dennis Wilson, and Principal Jon Wood.

Motion/Second (Quinn/Hedrick) Motion to allow Richard McKenna Charter School to add grades 7 and 8 to the online program and increase the enrollment capacity across all programs to 2000. *The motion passed unanimously.*

VI. CONSIDERATION OF UNMET RENEWAL CONDITIONS (Action Item)

A. Blackfoot Charter

Representatives from Blackfoot Charter gave a presentation, including Principal Ashley Bartauskay and Board Chair Janelle Hill.

Motion/Second (Quinn/Hedrick) Motion to take no action on the unmet renewal conditions and allow the school to continue operations until the next annual report. *The motion passed unanimously.*

B. Inspire (Empower) Connections Academy

Representatives from Inspire (Empower) Connections Academy gave a presentation, including School Leader Kenny McAlister, Empower School Administrator Cook Jones, and School Board President Becky Valentine.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Quinn) Motion to take no action on the unmet renewal condition and allow the school to continue operations until the next annual report. *The motion passed unanimously.*

C. Monticello Montessori Charter School

Representatives from Monticello Montessori Charter School gave a presentation, including Board Chair Linda Hawley, Board Clerk Shanna Nunez, Instructional Coach Rodd Rapp, and Charter Administrator Jeanne Johnson.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Quinn) Motion to take no action on the unmet renewal condition and allow the school to continue operations until the next annual report. *The motion passed unanimously.*

D. Peace Valley Charter School

Representatives from Peace Valley Charter School gave a presentation, including PVCS Director Sita Chiang, Business Manager Gigi Murrfitt, Board Chair Michael Pinkerton, and Education Consultant Marybeth Flachbart.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Quinn) Motion to take no action on the unmet renewal conditions and allow the school to continue operations until the next evaluation on June 30, 2028. *The motion passed unanimously.*

E. Project Impact STEM Academy (Removed from agenda)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned.