IPCSC
IDAHO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026
Start Time: 9:00 AM**,** MST
Physical Location: Capitol Mall Annex, IPCSC Office, Third Floor, 514 W. Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Attendance:
Commissioners Present: Chairman Alan Reed via Zoom, Vice Chair Sherrilyn Bair via Zoom, Commissioner Paul Amador via Zoom, Commissioner Wally Hedrick, Commissioner Lisa Paulos via Zoom, Commissioner Wanda Quinn via Zoom
Commissioners Absent: none
IPCSC Staff Present: Director Rachel Burk, Jared Dawson, Monique Bosse, Brian Tillinger, Joy Lindner. Karen Sheehan from the Attorney General's Office was also present via Zoom.

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

I. COMMISSION WORK (Action Item)

Motion/Second (Quinn/Bair) Motion to approve the June 11, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Rachel Burk gave a report on charter schools opening this fall, the annual Assurances Survey, new applications, the new IPCSC website, and a budget brief.

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

Representatives from Gem Prep: Caldwell gave a presentation, including Chief Executive Officer Jason Bransford, Chief Financial Officer Bryan Fletcher, Chief Growth Officer Josh Femreite, and Chief Academic Officer Laurie Wolfe.

Motion/Second (Hedrick/Paulos) Motion to approve the new charter school application for Gem Prep: Caldwell for a six-year term effective July 1, 2028 with the following three conditions:

a. Charter holder provides the IPCSC with a signed Facility Lease agreement or Facility Purchase agreement by March 1, 2028;
b. Charter holder provides the IPCSC its budget for year 2028-2029 showing a balanced year 1 budget based on the enrollment numbers from its Spring 2028 lottery by June 1, 2028;

c. Charter holder provides the IPCSC with a copy of all of its grants, loans and contracts that are part of its year 1 budget by June 1, 2028.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRE-OPENING UPDATES

Program Managers Jared Dawson and Monique Bosse gave a presentation on the six charter schools opening in Fall 2026: Alturas Academy North, Brabeion Academy, Gem Prep: Idaho Falls, North Idaho Classical Academy, Trailhead Virtual Academy, and Valor Classical Academy.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned.