

**Approved Minutes
BOARD RETREAT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nevada Virtual Academy

Friday – May 12, 2017

5:00pm

NVVA Blended Learning Site

4801 S. Sandhill

Las Vegas, NV. 89121

*Persons wishing to attend via conference call may do so by calling the Nevada Virtual Academy Office **24 hours in advance** at 702-407-1825 for phone number and passcode. Posted on 05/9/2017 on the internet at nvva.k12.com, on www.notice.nv.gov, and at physical locations of 5175 E Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89122, 4801 S. Sandhill, Las Vegas, NV 89121, 3521 N. Durango, Las Vegas, NV 89129, and 1 E. First Street, Reno, NV 89501.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Nevada Virtual Academy (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas and supporting documents are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting, by requesting the agenda from the Karen Richardson, Secretary to the Board (702-407-1825 ext. 7016) or on the School’s website at: <https://nvva.k12.com>.
 - a. Presentation materials discussed during the meeting may be viewed by using the following link and access code: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/nvvaboard> Online meeting ID: nvvaboard
2. “Requests to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.” Speakers may also request to be placed on “Speakers List” by calling the School’s Office (702-407-1825 ext. 7016) seventy two hours in advance of the meeting.
3. The “Oral Communications” portion is set-aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item. Written public comments can be provided to Karen Richardson up to two hours prior to the scheduled meeting via email to krichardson@nvvacademy.org.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda by submitting a written request at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of any regular meeting. Once such an item is properly agenzized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
7. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

I. PRELIMINARY

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM.

Roll Call

Member	Title	Term	Present In Person OR Telephone	Absent	In	Out
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	President	2017	IP		X	
Mr. Mauricio Molina	Vice President	2018	IP		X	
Mrs. Samantha Morris	Secretary/Treasurer	2017	IP		X	
Mr. Richard Gordon, Esq.	Member	2018	T		X	
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman	Member	2018		X		
Mr. Mark Makley	Member	2018		X		
Mr. Kade Miller	Member	2018		X		

Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: No individual comment shall be for more than three (3) minutes. Board members may respond to comments however no action can be taken. The Board may give direction to staff following comment.

There was no public comment.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

**A. BOARD AND HEAD OF SCHOOL TRAINING
Provided by Dr. Brian Carpenter, PhD & Associates, LLC**

Dr. Carpenter provided his background and experience and the structure he will follow for the training sessions and provided attendees with a training manual.

Topics Discussed:

1. The Four (Five) Key Differences between Governing and Managing-pg 11
 - a. Charter schools have an artificial life span.
 - b. Charters create contractually obligated student outcomes that must be achieved and they limit or prohibit some decisions that would ordinarily be open to site-based management.
 - c. Charter schools have an authorizer.
 - d. Charter schools are largely publicly funded, but may receive a smattering of philanthropy.
 - e. Charter schools are still widely despised in many venues.

2. What Accountability for Performance Means for Your Charter School-pg 12
 - a. What errors do boards make that contributed to the closure of their charter school?
3. Understanding How Governance Is Different From Management-pg 13
 - a. The Co-management model vs. Dr. Carpenter's Distinction Matrix
4. Establishing Why Our Board Exists
 - a. Definition of Charter School Performance
 - b. The Main Purpose of the Charter School's Management
 - c. The Main Purpose of the Charter School's Board

IV. CLOSING PROCEDURES

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

No individual comment shall be for more than three (3) minutes. Board members may respond to comments however no action can be taken. The Board may give direction to staff following comment.

There was no public comment.

B. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Meeting will reconvene at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 13, 2017.