

**AGENDA MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nevada Virtual Academy

Tuesday – February 27, 2018

5:00 pm

NVVA Blended Learning Site

4801 S. Sandhill

Las Vegas, NV. 89121

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

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1. Agendas and supporting documents are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting, by requesting the agenda from Karri Payne, Interim Board Clerk (702-407-1825) or on the School’s website at: <https://nvva.k12.com>.
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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) 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 Karri Payne up to two hours prior to the scheduled meeting via email to kpayne@nvvacademy.org
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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; Roll Call;

Member	Title	Term	Present In Person OR Telephone	Absent	In	Out
Mrs. Samantha Morris	President	2018	IP		5:01	
Mr. Kade Miller, Esq.	Vice President	2020	T		5:01	
Mr. Mark Makley	Treasurer	2018	T		5:01	
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden	Member	2020	IP		5:01	
Mr. Mauricio Molina	Member	2018		X		
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	Member	2018	T		5:01	

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.

No Public Comment

III. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS

A) Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

a. **Board President**

- 6 Reasons Why Charter Schools Exist- To address social justice. Charter schools give families in poor performing areas a choice.
- Parental choice- alternatives to the one size fits all approach and zip code placement
- Charter school devise new ways of educating students as well as to provide mission-specific opportunities
- Online schools give families opportunities that brick and mortar schools can't provide

b. **Audit Committee Report**

- There is nothing to report

c. **Policy Committee Report**

- There is nothing to report

d. **Recruitment Committee Report**

- The committee is actively involved in conversations with a few people who may be interested in joining, but no names to bring now.

e. **School Report – Dr. Yolanda Hamilton**

NVVA has wrapped up WIDA testing for EL students and did the bulk of our ACT testing for 11th graders today across the city. Preliminarily, it looks like the school have already hit about 90%. This is also Nevada Reading Week here at NVVA.

Elementary students are participating in activities like dressing like their favorite characters, a Book Fair, a Book Drive benefitting Spread the Word Nevada, and listening to

Guest Readers.

The school had its second annual Family Game and Movie Night and had about 70 students and their families participate.

Enrollment numbers as of today are 2258, 246 of which are Special Education students. The school is working on completing plans for our big Spring Testing which includes SBACs, ACT Aspire, Science, and EOCs.

FAST has seen a decrease in the number of Elementary students withdrawing while in FAST for the first time this school-year. The FAST team, along with administration has been focusing on persistence with this group of students in particular. The next Faculty Advisory Committee will meet next week where we will update them on progress with the SPCSA, upcoming policies, and state testing.

The school's appearance before the State Charter Authority didn't yield the result wanted. The Charter Board voted unanimously to move forward with the intent to notice for termination of contract. We were allowed to speak to some of their concerns and we acknowledged the need for improvement to our K5 program and told them we had already implemented a plan to address it prior to the Star rating being released. The Authority sent out a 23-page template as a cure. We are reviewing it to see what parts pertain to our Elementary program.

- **Enrollment** – 2258, up from 2197 this same time last year. 246 are Special Education students, compared to 250 last year. Our enrollment cap is 2,259 students. There are 140 sufficient students on our waitlist.
- **Elementary** is preparing for the last round of MAPs testing before SBACs. They have also been working on SBAC prep sessions. They have a face to face Professional Development Day on March 19th and will focus on Curriculum Mapping.
- **High School** just finished MAPs testing. The senior pass rate is the highest of all grade levels at 76.5%! Professional Development Day is March 12th and will focus on teacher presentations from our Promising Practices day, supporting Special Education students, and preliminary planning for next school-year.
- **FAST** – K5 withdrawal rates have been a struggle all year. We have finally started to see improvement in persistence.

2/27/18

30 Day From Ref WD Rate	K-12	EL	MS	HS
Percent WD 30 Day Ref	 24.8%	 34.2%	 24.5%	 21.6%
# WD 30 Day Ref	173	42	56	75

1/25/18

30 Day From Ref WD Rate	K-12	EL	MS	HS
Percent WD 30 Day Ref	 26.6%	 36.6%	 28.8%	 21.2%
# WD 30 Day Ref	144	37	51	56

- **Parent Notes** – Just so we don't forget the kinds of students we are serving...

Good Afternoon Ma am,

This is so devastating to hear. With this latest vote does truly mean that NVA will truly be closing ? Our son Xavier has been attending NVA for 2 years due to medical recommendations by his

lung specialist after he suffered was going through nightmarish episodes of respiratory attacks and missed over +60 days of 5th grade and with AP classes in first quarter of 6th grade we had to go get him 20 times in first 8 weeks. NVA was and has been our saving grace for him to not survive and heal but thrive mentally, socially, and academically, and feel confident and secure and be to focus. We are able to go to his medical appointments, and still meet all his academic assignments and he is even on National Honors Society and several Clubs. Not only does this news sadden me, but angers me because we were previous on the home bound program with CCSD and it was an absolute failure in elementary and for middle school they would only provide 1-hour instruction for every 3 days he was physically not present in the brick and mortar classroom- there was no way with you can get full instructions of 7 classes in 1 hour squeezed in 1 hour - mind you what about other 3 days. This truly takes away the right of a parent(s) to seek best academic path and future for their child/ children. The best leaders did not learn their greatest lessons or gain the greatest knowledge in a traditional classroom setting - Eyes on Academics!! It's not about traditional settings anymore, it's about the ability to uniquely identify how to reach out to the kids, breakdown the lessons so they understand, challenge them, have them engage in ways to identify and solve problems, and come up with solutions to make it better if possible. My son has learned more at NVA in the last two years than, and we have been more engaged and learning together as a family. You have educators there at NVA that do all that and more!!! Thank you!!

Really hope NVA stays open, because if not, we may be forced to sell our home and move. Our son cannot go back brick and mortar.

B) Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Review and possible approval of the minutes from the January 30, 2018 regular board meeting.

Mrs. Morris found errors on page 4 regarding votes by Mr. Molina. **Motion** to approve with corrected revisions by Mr. Makley. **Second** by Mr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Mark Makley	M	X			
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden		X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X			
Mr. Kade Miller, Esq.	2nd	X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina					X
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (Y5) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ()

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(Information/Possible Action/Public Comment -If discussion is needed on any item then it shall be placed in Scheduled for Action V)

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board

- Resignation of licensed personnel: Lisa Dzierbicki- Special Programs Administrator

V. SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

(Information/Possible Action/Public Comment on the following voting items)

A. BUSINESS

20180227-01_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval for the Removal of Mauricio Molina from the NVVA School Board

Mrs. Morris details how Mr. Molina has served on the board for over a year but has not been actively participating for at least a year. There has been no communication or contact by him.

Motion to approve by Dr. Mendenhall. **Second** by Mr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Mark Makley		X			
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden		X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	M	X			
Mr. Kade Miller, Esq.	2nd	X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina					X
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (Y5) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ()

20180227-02_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval for Payment to K12 for Products and Services Provided

Motion to approve by Dr. Mendenhall. **Second** by Mr. Makley. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Mark Makley	2nd	X			
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden		X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	M	X			
Mr. Kade Miller, Esq.		X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina					X
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (Y5) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ()

20180227-03_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval of K12 Testing Plan

Dr. Hamilton details the finalization of the testing plan for Nevada Virtual Academy. The school has procured 18 testing sites throughout Nevada and are anticipating testing around 2,000 students at those sites.

No action was taken on this item.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Mark Makley					
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden					
Dr. Anne Mendenhall					

Mr. Kade Miller, Esq.					
Mr. Mauricio Molina					
Mrs. Samantha Morris					
Motion	Carried ()	Not Carried ()	Vote, () (N) (AB)		Tabled (X)

B. PERSONNEL

20180227-04_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Information, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Movement of Special Programs Administrator from Nevada Virtual Employee to K12 Employee.

Dr. Hamilton details how Lisa Dzierbicki resigned to another position. The school would like the NVVA position return to a K12 position as it originally was a K12 position.

Mr. Makley asks about how the financial aspect works for salary and benefits. Dr. Hamilton states it may save the school money due to the psotion having no PERS benefits.

Motion to approve by Mr. Makley. **Second** by Ms. McFadden. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Mark Makley	M	X			
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden	2nd	X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X			
Mr. Kade Miller, Esq.		X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina					X
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (Y5) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ()

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

School Financial Report: Michael Ronquillo, Region Finance Manager

- Mr. Ronquillo presented the January 2018 Financial Statement Report including the summary forecast and other budgetary metrics

School Credit Card Review: Mark Makley, Treasurer

- Mr. Makley reviewed the school credit card statements and found no irregularities

VII. 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.

No Public Comment

B. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made Mrs. Morris
Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM
The next board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2018.