

**AGENDA MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# **Nevada Virtual Academy**

**Thursday – June 21, 2018**

**4:30PM**

**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**

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 are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting, by requesting the agenda from Ben Gerhardt, Board Liaison (702-407-1825) or on the School’s website at: <https://nvva.k12.com>. Presentation materials discussed during the meeting may be viewed by using the following link: <https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?password=M.88713B5DA314A96659A75C63C66A68&sid=559>
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 Ben Gerhardt up to two hours prior to the scheduled meeting via email to [bgerhardt@nvvacademy.org](mailto:bgerhardt@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 agenzed 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; Roll Call;**

Member	Title	Term	Present In Person OR Telephone	Absent	In	Out
Mrs. Samantha Morris	President	2018	T		4:31	
Mr. Mark Makley	Treasurer	2018		X		
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden	Member	2020	T		4:31	
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	Member	2018	T		4:31	
Mrs. Shannon Dangl	Member	2020	T		4:31	

**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**

**“Board Training- “Some Revolving Doors Lead to Dead Ends”**

**Dr. Brian Carpenter, BoardWiser Podcast**

- The podcast detailed excessive school leader turnover
- Governing Board needs to formally and objectively review school leaders’ performance annually, as well as its own performance
- Schools will be unable to hire or retain viable leaders if not professional and lawful
- How many school leaders has your school had in the past six years?
- Is the school leaders’ selection process well-informed?
- Dr. Mendenhall commented on the board evaluations and stressed the importance of considering again on a quarterly basis

**a. Audit Committee Report**

- Audit Committee was not available

**B) Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Motion** to approve by Ms. McFadden. **Second** by Dr. Mendenhall. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Shannon Dangl		X			

Mr. Mark Makley					X
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden	M	X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	2nd	X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
<b>Motion</b>	Carried (X)	Not Carried ( )	Vote, (Y4) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ( )

**C) Update regarding preparation for June 25, 2018 hearing regarding Notice of Intent to Terminate Nevada Virtual Academy’s Charter School Contract**

Board Attorney Kara Hendricks provided a detailed breakdown of the previous weeks work on negotiations between Nevada Virtual staff and the Charter Authority, as well as preparing for the June 25 hearing, if there is no negotiation in place.

Mrs. Hendricks was happy to report that there was a settlement proposal on the table. If the NVVA Board were to approve the terms, then the next step would be to send them to the Authority Board who would also need to approve the terms on June 25. If terms were not approved by both sides, then the hearing will go ahead as scheduled, and the witnesses are being prepared. Mrs. Hendricks and Charter Authority Staff General Counsel Ryan Herrick will work together to provide a more formal proposal.

**IV. SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

**A. BUSINESS**

**20180621-01\_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval of the Revised 2018-2019 School Budget**

Julia Kozlov detailed the need to revise the budget, pointing out the change in accounting for income to be used for the deficit.

**Motion** to approve by Dr. Mendenhall. **Second** by Ms. McFadden. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Shannon Dangl		X			
Mr. Mark Makley					X
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden	2 <sup>nd</sup>	X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	M	X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
<b>Motion</b>	Carried (X)	Not Carried ( )	Vote, (Y4) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ( )

**20180621-02\_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval of proposed resolution or settlement relating to Notice of Intent To Terminate Nevada Virtual Academy’s Charter School Contract issued by the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority**

Board Attorney Kara Hendricks detailed terms of the proposed resolution. Once the terms are approved, then Mrs. Hendricks would work with Samantha Morris to create a formal document to send to Charter Authority Staff General Counsel Ryan

Herrick to review.

The first term is that the termination proceedings will be withdrawn by the Authority. In regard to the school's potential renewal request, there will be data that will become available next Fall and as part of the agreement, the school programs' Index Scores on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF). The Elementary program will need to improve from 21 points to 34 points or higher or the board will not request renewal of the Elementary school program.

Other conditions for the Elementary school program will include targets that the program will need to reach in subsequent years. For the 2018-2019 school year, the program will need to have an Adjusted Index Score of 42 points, then 50 points for the 2019-2020 school year. After that year, the program will be expected to have an Adjusted Index Score of 50 or higher.

If the program does not hit those targets, then there will be some consequences. If the 2018-2019 school target is not met, then the next school year Nevada Virtual Academy will freeze enrollment at the current level and eliminate Kindergarten. If the target is not met the following year, then the enrollment freeze would stay in place that the school would eliminate First grade.

The school would also agree to place enrollment caps on all grade levels. The school would also provide the Authority quarterly reports on the academic performance of the school and respond to any requests by the Authority. The Nevada Virtual Board would also have to create internal metrics to review.

The school would also have to provide notification to families on the final agreement, as well as notification if the Elementary program fails to reach the 34-point target on the 2017-2018 NSPF and will not have an Elementary program for the 2019-2020 school year. Nevada Virtual will also dismiss the current lawsuit against the Authority.

Ms. McFadden asked if the Elementary program were to close, then it wouldn't be until the end of the 2018-2019 school year, which Mrs. Hendricks agreed. Ms. McFadden then asked about the need to rewrite the charter if the school loses a grade. Mrs. Hendricks and Mr. Herrick replied that the stipulations will be written into the contract upon renewal so that no amendments will need to be written. Ms. McFadden had a question about the need for grade-level caps for all grade levels and Mr. Herrick explained that this will be a measure for all charter schools going forward.

Mrs. Dangl asked how close the school was to hitting the 34 Index points. Board Liaison Ben Gerhardt detailed the 19 out of 90 points for the 2016-2017 NSPF Framework and discussed that scores won't be received until August.

**Motion** to approve by Dr. Mendenhall. **Second** by Mrs. Dangl. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Shannon Dangl	2 <sup>nd</sup>	X			

Mr. Mark Makley					X
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden		X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	M	X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
<b>Motion</b>	Carried (X)	Not Carried ( )	Vote, (Y4) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ( )

**20180621-03\_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval for Payment to K12 for Products and Services Provided**

**Motion** to approve by Ms. McFadden **Second** by Mrs. Dangl. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Shannon Dangl	2 <sup>nd</sup>	X			
Mr. Mark Makley					X
Ms. Elizabeth McFadden	M	X			
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X			
<b>Motion</b>	Carried (X)	Not Carried ( )	Vote, (Y4) (N) (AB1)		Tabled ( )

**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.

Karen Kruetzer wanted to thank the board and school for all the work putting in with the Authority to get the terms passed.

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made Mrs. Morris  
Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM  
The next board meeting is scheduled for August 08, 2018.