

CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 10:02 a.m. to 3:34 p.m.

Zoom, Virtual Only

This meeting has been recorded in Zoom and can be accessed [here](#).

Attendance:

Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Steve Litzow, Harium Martin-Morris, Tania May, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Dr. Margit McGuire and Christine Varela.

Leadership Team: Joshua Halsey, Executive Director; Krystal Starwich, Deputy Director; Leslie Hayden, Oversight Specialist; Kara Lowe, Oversight Specialist; Elizabeth McAmis, Assistant Attorney General; and Amanda Martinez, Executive Assistant.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Chair Lechner called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Steve Litzow, Harium Martin-Morris, Tania May, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Dr. Margit McGuire and Christine Varela. It was determined that a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting.

Consent Agenda

The meeting minutes for the January 23, 2021 Commission meeting and standing committee updates were reviewed. Commissioner Litzow moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Martin-Morris seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Chair Report

Vice Chair Korsmo welcomed new Commissioner Tania May, Director of Special Education at Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Commissioner May provided an overview of her background.

Executive Director Report

General Updates

Executive Director Halsey provided COVID-19 updates. Commission staff continue to work with the currently operating and planning year schools to provide guidance and be a resource during this time.

Executive Director Halsey provided an update on the planning schools. Impact | Renton has been granted an additional planning year to now open in the fall of 2022. New school onboarding has started with the planning year schools and charter school board members along with monthly check-ins for planning year schools.

Executive Director Halsey provided feedback and next steps for the Renewal Process. Explicit Renewal Criteria will be reviewed at standing committees for a May consideration by the full Commission.

Executive Director Halsey provided a reminder to Commissioners regarding the F-1 Financial Affairs Statement due by April 15.

Commission Complaint Process Overview and Next Steps

Executive Director Halsey provided an overview on the complaint process and the draft policy. The Complaint Policy will include feedback for a March consideration by the full Commission.

Charter School Expansion Process Overview

Executive Director Halsey provided a brief overview of the charter school expansion process.

Spokane International Academy: High School Expansion Consideration

Executive Director Recommendation and Remarks

Executive Director Halsey provided a brief overview of Spokane International Academy's request as presented and recommended that Spokane International Academy's request to expand from a K-8 school to a K-12 school be approved.

Commission Questions for Operator

Commissioners engaged in discussion with Travis Franklin and Ken Vorhees of Spokane International Academy.

Commission Discussion and Resolution

Commissioner Mayer moved to approve the application for expansion for Spokane International Academy. Commissioner Litzow seconded. The motion passed.

Educational Equity Learning and Engagement

Nicole Franklin of Enhanced Interactions LLC facilitated an educational equity learning and engagement with Commissioners and staff. Ms. Franklin provided an overview of shared language and definitions and introduced two equity tools: Equity Impact Reviews and Conversation Cafés.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was needed.

Next Steps

Vice Chair Korsmo identified the following next steps:

1. Complaint Policy Consideration
2. Agency Budget Re-adoption
3. School Re-opening Plans and Update
4. Charter Contract Considerations
5. Commissioner Equity Trainings
6. Strategic Plan Update – Equity Policy Implementation

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Lechner adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.