

**Approved Minutes
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Nevada Virtual Academy

Tuesday – March 28, 2017

5:00pm

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 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 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

Meeting called to order at 5:04 PM

Roll Call

Member	Title	Term	Present In Person OR Telephone	Absent	In	Out
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	President	2017	T		5:00	6:40
Mr. Mauricio Molina	Vice President	2018	T		5:20	6:40
Mrs. Samantha Morris	Secretary/Treasurer	2017	IP		5:00	6:40
Mr. Richard Gordon, Esq.	Member	2018	T		5:25	6:40
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman	Member	2018	T		5:00	6:40
Mr. Mark Makley	Member	2018	T		5:00	6:40
VACANT		2018				

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. SCHOOL REPORTS

1. Head of School Report: Yolanda Hamilton
 - a. Dr. Hamilton shared the K3 MAP testing data for Fall, Winter, and Spring and stated that student enrollment stands at 2249 today; the ACT testing had an 86% participation rate and that teachers had participated in face-to-face professional development. She informed the board that the School Improvement Grant Administrative position has been filled with Mr. William Bukovi who is replacing Mrs. Sarah Ledon and that McRel has been on-site this week working with staff. The school is getting ready for a testing window of April 24th thru May 5th for students to participate in the SBAC, ACT Aspire, End of Course testing and Science CRT. There will be testing completed at 17 sites across Nevada. Events at the school include movie and game night on the 31st of March, virtual talent show submissions are due on April 3rd and a campus cleanup will be held on April 22nd.

Dr. Hamilton explained that NVVA has lost Title funding for SY2017-18 because of the family income verifications forms that were not able to be verified. A plan has been put into place going forward to verify all forms

during enrollment so that an application can be submitted for funding in the SY19-20. She went on to share the FAST teams update.

- b. Mrs. Callie Frank, 6th grade teacher, shared information on the National Junior Honor Society activities.
 - c. Mrs. Katie Kelly, HS Assistant Principal, shared information about the AdvancedEd accreditation renewal process and stated that the accreditation has been renewed with two (2) recommendations for improvement and one (1) action item.
 - d. Mr. Ben Gerhardt, Data Coach, provided an overview of the Nevada State Assessment System for grades K-12, MAP for grades K-2, End of Course for grades 9-12, ACT for grade 11, and stated that the 2017 anticipated graduation rate for NVVA is at 75% with is 2% higher than the state graduation rate.
2. STEM Presentation: Ryan Rasar, STEM Coordinator
 - a. Mr. Rasar shared what has been happening within the STEM program with highlights of the Lego League Teams placing 3rd and 7th; the Scalable Game Design with AgentCubes through the University of Colorado had 240 students participate; student enrollment in STEM electives in high school increased from 250 students in 2015-16 to over 400 for 2016-17. Ten NVVA teachers are working on their national STEM certification; NVVA has an ongoing partnership with UNLV Multicultural Programs and STEM departments; there will be field trips for grades 7-12 and during spring and summer breaks STEM camps will be conducted with over 60 students currently signed up.
 3. Elementary Presentation: Teresa Gregory, K8 Principal
 - a. Mrs. Gregory shared that K3 Maps testing just completed and explained the results and what NVVA is doing with this data to help identify the specifics of the students growth and how teachers can help struggling students so that growth continues.
 4. Report on NV Legislative Educational Initiatives: Rob Fairbank, K12 Lobbyist
 - a. Mr. Fairbank shared that the Nevada Legislature is looking at two (2) bills of concern in the education arena. Senate Bill 132 concerns graduation requirements for students who are off-track and under required credits to graduate. It creates a new track for those students and may develop into different types of high school diplomas. Assembly Bill 49 is sponsored by the Nevada Charter School Authority and it amounts to reducing the due process for charter schools and removes the assistance of the charter authority to assist under performing schools to improve their processes for achievement goals. Lobbying will continue on these bills to try to influence the Legislatures to ensure that members understand the charter school position on the provision in each one.

IV. PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

Review and possible approval of the minutes from the February 28, 2017 regular board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Makley to approve the minutes for February 29, 2017 as prepared and presented. Second by Mr. Gordon. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X				
Mr. Mauricio Molina		X				
Mrs. Samantha Morris		X				
Mr. Richard Gordon Esq	2nd	X				
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman		X				
Mr. Mark Makley	M	X				
VACANT						
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (A 6) (N) (AB)			Tabled ()

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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 votes on them. The Head of School recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

Contracted Reduction-in-Force: C. Ross, Turnaround Compliance Administrator
 Contracted Resignation: C. Guell, HS Math Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Morris. Second by Dr. Mendenhall.
 Voting: A 6 N 0 Abs 0

VI. SCHEDULED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

A. BUSINESS

20170124-01_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval for Payment to K12 for Products & Services Provided in February 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Morris to approve the Payment to K12 for Products & Services Provided for February 2017. Second by Mr. Molina. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina	2 nd	X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris	M	X			
Mr. Richard Gordon Esq		X			
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman		X			
Mr. Mark Makley		X			
VACANT					
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (A 6) (N) (AB)		Tabled ()

20170124-02_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval to Appoint Mark Makley to the Board Finance Committee.

Item is tabled until the April meeting to allow for a restructure of the Finance Committee to be voted on at the same time.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Anne Mendenhall	M	X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina		X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris	2 nd	X			
Mr. Richard Gordon Esq		X			
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman		X			
Mr. Mark Makley		X			
VACANT					
Motion	Carried ()	Not Carried ()	Vote, (A) (N) (AB)		Tabled (X)

20170124-03_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Discussion of the SY2017-2018 School Budget.

Mr. Mazzarella provided background information and discussion. This item is tabled until the April meeting to allow for further considerations for critical items effecting the budget plans.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina		X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris	M	X			
Mr. Richard Gordon Esq		X			
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman		X			
Mr. Mark Makley	2 nd	X			

VACANT					
Motion	Carried ()	Not Carried ()	Vote, (A) (N) (AB)		Tabled (X)

20170124-04_IV-BDRPT (for possible action) Consideration and Possible Approval of a Board Training Workshop in May of 2017 and retention of Dr. Carpenter to facilitate same.

Dr. Mendenhall explained that K12 has agreed to provide the payment for the Board to receive training from Dr. Carpenter on May 12th and 13th, 2017.

Motion by Mrs. Morris to approve the scheduling of a board training workshop as outlined. Second by Mr. Makley. Motion passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Anne Mendenhall		X			
Mr. Mauricio Molina		X			
Mrs. Samantha Morris	M	X			
Mr. Richard Gordon Esq		X			
Mrs. Sarah Hoffman		X			
Mr. Mark Makley	2nd	X			
VACANT					
Motion	Carried (X)	Not Carried ()	Vote, (A 6) (N) (AB)		Tabled ()

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

School Financial Report: Paul Mazzarella, K12 Senior Director, Finance
Mr. Mazzarella provided a review of the school financial statements

School Credit Card Review: Samantha Morris, Secretary/Treasurer
Mrs. Morris clarified that her review has approved of all purchases made and that the requested staff sign-in sheets have been prepared to support the costs of meals for teacher professional development days.

VIII. 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. BOARD DISCUSSION - SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 17-18 staffing changes
2. Composition of the Finance Committee

C. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Morris. Second by Mrs. Hoffman.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 25th.