

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
of the
Board of Directors of
Pinecrest Academy of Nevada

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Pinecrest Academy of Nevada, a public charter school, will conduct a public meeting on August 11, 2020; beginning at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82451894238> Meeting ID: 824 5189 4238; or via audio: +1 253 215 8782, +1 346 248 7799

Attached hereto is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, the Board Chairperson may 1) take agenda items out of order; 2) combine two or more items for consideration; or 3) remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion related to an item.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend or participate at the meeting. Any persons requiring assistance is asked to contact Annette Christensen at (702) 431-6260 at least two days prior to the meeting so that arrangements may be conveniently made.

If you would like copies of the meeting agenda, support materials or minutes, please email annette.christensen@academicnv.com, or visit the school's website at: <https://www.pinecrestnv.org/>. For copies of meeting audio, please email annette.christensen@academicnv.com.

Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairperson.

AGENDA

August 11, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors of Pinecrest Academy of Nevada

(Action may be taken on those items denoted “For Possible Action”)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (For Possible Action)
2. Public Comment and Discussion (*No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.*)
3. Review and Approval of the Revision to the Pinecrest Academy of Nevada Reopening Plan for the 2020/2021 School Year (For Possible Action)
4. Public Comment and Discussion (*No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.*)
5. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

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- (1) Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Horizon 1360 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson, NV
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- (3) Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Inspirada – 2840 Via Contessa, Henderson, NV
- (4) Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Cadence – 225 Grand Cadence, Henderson, NV
- (5) Pinecrest Academy of Nevada – Sloan Canyon – 675 E. Dale Ave., Henderson, NV
- (6) Henderson City Hall – 240 South Water Street, Henderson, NV
- (7) Las Vegas City Hall – 495 S Main St., Las Vegas, NV
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Supporting Document

Meeting Date: August 11, 2020

Agenda Item: 3 – Review and Approval of the Revision to the Pinecrest Academy of Nevada Reopening Plan for the 2020/2021 School Year

Number of Enclosures: 1

SUBJECT: Revised Reopening Plan

Action

Appointments

Approval

Consent Agenda

Information

Public Hearing

Regular Adoption

Presenter (s): Trevor Goodsell

Recommendation:

Proposed wording for motion/action:

Move to approve the revised 2020/2021 school year reopening plan for Pinecrest Academy of Nevada.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Estimated Length of time for consideration (in minutes): 5-10 minutes

Background:

Submitted By: Staff

Steve Sisolak
Governor

STATE OF NEVADA

Rebecca Feiden
Executive Director



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GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM

TO: SPCSA-Sponsored Charter School Boards and Administrators
FROM: Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director, State Public Charter School Authority
SUBJECT: Recommendation for School Re-Opening
DATE: August 5, 2020
CC: Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Allison Combs, Policy Director, Office of the Governor

Recommendation for School Reopening in August 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to create an evolving situation across our state, both in terms of the state of COVID-19 transmission in our communities and in terms of the prevailing guidance and directives. On August 3, 2020, Governor Sisolak announced that Nevada will implement a targeted, county-level approach to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 that will rely on weekly, county-level data used to identify counties with Elevated Diseases Transmission. In addition, the Washoe County and Southern Nevada Health Districts have been developing outbreak response plans, specific to the school-setting that are expected to be released in the coming weeks. While [Emergency Directive 022](#) gives charter school governing boards the responsibility of approving charter school re-opening plans, based on recent developments as outlined in the Background section below, I am making the following recommendation for all SPCSA-sponsored charter schools located in Clark, Elko and Washoe counties.

SPCSA-sponsored charter schools located in Clark, Elko and Washoe counties scheduled to open prior to August 24, 2020 should open under a distance education model, with possible limited exception for students significantly impacted by loss of in-person instruction in alignment with Section 8 of Emergency Directive 028. These schools should continue to operate under a distance education model through at least August 21, 2020. This will allow schools to monitor the newly released data and criteria and review updated guidance expected to be released by local health districts in order to potentially prepare for a hybrid or in-person opening with a more complete understanding of the local circumstances.

Based on additional information released in the coming weeks, this recommendation may be extended and/or adjusted. In addition, the State Public Charter School Authority may hold a special board meeting regarding the re-opening of sponsored charter school.

Background

On June 9, 2020, Governor Sisolak signed [Emergency Directive 022](#), which outlines the requirements for school districts and charter schools to “develop plans for reopening school buildings, providing instruction, and related activities for the 2020-2021 school year based on [Nevada’s Path Forward, a Framework for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School Buildings](#) and pursuant to any requirements prescribed...and any [additional guidance](#) issued by the Nevada Department of Education.” The directive goes on to say that “Charter Schools shall present their plans [to their governing body] for approval in a manner prescribed by their sponsor at least 20 days before the first day of the 2020-21 school year.”

At the June 26, 2020 meeting of the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), the Authority approved a motion prescribing the process for SPCSA-sponsored schools to approve and submit their re-opening plans. In short, schools must present their plans to their governing bodies for approval no less than 20 days before their first day of school, then plans must be submitted to SPCSA staff who will subsequently provide re-opening plans to the Nevada Department of Education.

On July 28, 2020, Governor Sisolak signed Emergency Directive 028. Major changes in this directive include 1) adopting the American Association of Pediatricians’ and the Governor’s Medical Advisory Team’s recommendations of three feet social distancing for Pre-k – 8th grade students and on school buses, but maintaining six feet social distancing requirements for high schools and for all adults, 2) requiring face coverings for all K-12 students and staff, except with a documented medical vulnerability and approval of the building leader, and 3) putting in place a process for districts and schools to request a variance from health and safety protocols under certain conditions.

On August 3, 2020, Governor Sisolak announced that the Nevada Health Response Team had developed a “long term strategy for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in Nevada through a targeted approach – all centered back to our original goal of making our response state managed and locally executed.” Along with this announcement, the Governor’s Office released a new document: [Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal](#). This new strategy relies on reviewing weekly data to evaluate each county for Elevated Disease Transmission based on newly established criteria. A county flagged for Elevated Disease Transmission will enter an assessment and review process that may impact the response and restriction in that county.

While these criteria are new, Nevada used similar [metrics](#) during the month of July to make decisions about restriction on the operations of certain local businesses. These predecessor metrics indicated that several counties, including Clark, Washoe and Elko Counties, have shown Elevated Disease Transmission.¹

¹ While seven counties were initial identified for Elevated Disease Transmission, three were subsequently removed. The four remaining counties identified for Elevated Disease Transmission are Clark, Elko, Nye, and Washoe.