



Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Innovations International Charter School of Nevada will conduct a public meeting on: Monday, February 5, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the following location:

1600 E. Oakey Blvd. and

Zoom Meeting

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Members of the public are invited to attend. Please note the following:

Time for public comment is provided at the beginning and at the conclusion of the meeting. Individuals wishing to provide public comment should fill out a Visitor Card, which will be numbered in order received by the school's Registrar/Office Manager. Time Limit: A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Board's President will be imposed on public comments in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available. Public comment cannot be restricted based on viewpoint.

Innovations' Governing Board reserves the right to take agenda items out of order, items may be removed or delayed from the agenda at any time, and two or more items may be combined for consideration.

Board Members and Staff of Innovations International Charter School may participate via telephone conference call.

Innovations is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any member of the public who has a disability and wishes to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the school in writing, at 1600 E. Oakey Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104, or via email at becky\_poole@iicsn.org or call 702-216-4337.

## **Agenda Minutes**

**1. Call to order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Members Present:** L. Putney; L. Cramer; S. Barnson; R. Nathanson; D. Bayot;

**3. Public Comment # 1**

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**4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda: R. Nathanson  
Seconded: S. Barnson  
Unanimous Approval

**5. Approval of Prior Board Minutes**

Motion to approve board minutes: S. Barnson  
Seconded: R. Nathanson  
Unanimous Approval

**6. Student Discipline – Meeting will move to a closed session to remain confidential  
Action Item: Vote on how to proceed**

## Financial Organization

### 7. Budget Update

Discussion was held concerning the school's current Profit and Loss and a Balance Sheet. The net income for the current quarter is \$153,508.41. At this time there is a balance of \$153,663.52 out for reimbursement from ESSR and \$11,537.65 from SB495.

### 8. Financial Report – monitoring measures and status of accounting system

One of the suggestions from the external auditors dealt with the school's accounting system, the movement of accounting measures from Quick Books to Cougar Mountain software thus using all of the state's chart of accounts. The school should have this system up and running by March 1, 2024. Another concern noted for a corrective actions measure was the projection of enrollment numbers yearly thus impacting the budget. The school was closer this year than the last two, but the audited item notes a 3-year pattern. Innovations will probably not indicate growth for the next year so the budget is conservative and commensurate with the current year's budget. The external audit also spoke to the monitoring process of monthly close out procedures. An additional person was added last year to double check this for auditing and accuracy purposes.

### 9. Oakey School Facility Sale – Update

The owner of the property for Oakey notified the school that he was retiring and liquidating some of his property and holdings. The Oakey premise is up for sale with a realtor. Ken is working with all entities as best as he can.

### 10. ESSR Grant Updates

ESSR III funding is in a wind down stage and needs to be completed this academic year if possible. There is approximately \$700,00.00 left to spend. Most of this is on staffing, technology, and extended educational services to students. Innovations hopes to have this done by the end of June.

### 11. External Audit Status / Corrective Action Plan

The Corrective Action Plan was addressed above in item #8. However, this has been completed and submitted to the district in January. Per the enrollment need, the state is looking for a 95% accuracy rate for predicting student enrollment. Innovations had 84%. Concern was voiced as to how to do this accurately as students transition in and out. Another concern was that of a late submission of the external audit. The board was told the external firm got a late start as one of our key staff members was ill when the first scheduled audit visit was to be scheduled. When the rescheduling was to take place, the auditing firm took other customers before the school thus causing the deadline to be pushed back.

### 12. External Auditors – Seeking New Representation

Innovations will be looking for a new external auditing firm to work with next year. There has been a two-year period of time where the deadline for submission has been missed. The school does not wish to see this happen again.

### 13. Title I Budget Presentation for 2024 – 2025

Discussion was held concerning the Title I budgets for the 24-25 school year. The elementary budget is \$266,665.00 with an approximate \$52,915.00 lessening of funds from the current year.

The secondary budget is \$170,430.00 with an approximate \$41,040.00 lessening of funds from the current year. In order to provide quality services and to improve instruction for students, the school on both campuses will move to ELA academic strategists and Math strategists to provide regularly scheduled intensive instruction, before and after school programs, tutors for grades K & 1, and software for ELL for the secondary campus. The Parent Set Aside Money, which is 1% of the total expenditures will be used to hold educational seminars for parents.

## **Operational Organization**

### **14. Human Resources**

- **Updates on current and future personnel**

The Assistant Principal and the H.R. Director will be working with staff to discuss our newly established academic focus, which includes an emphasis on drones and robotics. Staff who cannot master technology or do not believe in the new focus may have the chance to opt out for the new school year. The school will be looking to hire people with more of a technology-based expertise as appropriate by grade and subject level.

### **15. Sec I Report**

The report from Sec I was shared with the board members. Vaping at the secondary campus and in the fifth grade has become an emphasis for working with students and families. Students threatening each other or having negative interchanges is also an issue for the secondary campus. Sec I provides services that are helpful to the community, school, and families. The school is very thankful for their watchful eye and professionalism. The presence of the team in the school has lessened the behavior issues that have arisen in the past.

### **16. High school – recruiting vs salary schedule**

The beginning of a possible ongoing conversation with the board was started concerning salaries offered to CCSD teachers and those that are affordable to charter schools. A reminder was made that money given by the governor for recruitment and retention excluded charter schools, thus making it difficult to compete in a time of teacher shortages. The board will revisit this with strategies for how to move forward.

## **Academic Organization**

### **17. Update on Academics - Refining focus for next year**

In looking at the new curriculum used this year for STEM and aviation classes, the students and staff have shown a great interest in artificial intelligence, drones, and robotics. Introducing Drone Legends as another focused curriculum, there is a blending of curriculum for the drones and for manned flight. These will elements will be added as continued and refined areas of instruction and highlighted on the school's website for the upcoming school year. The families have shown great excitement and interest in these areas in the family engagement nights as well. Requests have been made to make these more solidified for students to learn.

### **18. Update on Website**

Board members were told about changes on the website in an effort to highlight curriculum changes and recruitment of students and families. The team is open to suggestions if there are other items they would like to see included.

**19. Testing Calendars**

Testing timelines were shared with the board members highlighting WIDA, SBAC, and ACT.

**20. Public Comment # 2**

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**21. Adjournment**

The board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 a.m.