



Minutes of the November 10, 2025

Governing Board of Directors for Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President Dr. LeAnn Putney called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a quorum present either through physical attendance at 1600 E. Oakey Blvd. and/or virtually through Zoom.

The following members were present: Dr. LeAnn Putney, Dr. Nicole Klimow, Mr. Lorne Cramer, Dr. Steve Barnson, and Mrs. Shara Weston. Members not in attendance were Dr. Lonnie Wright, Dr. Rebecca Nathanson, Dr. Donnell Bayot, and Mrs. Yvonne Lopez.

Also present were: Dr. Connie Malin, Superintendent; Mr. Nick Didier, Principal; Mrs. Mackenzi Creel, Promotions and Marketing Manager; Mr. Ken Malin, H.R. Director; Mrs. Becky Poole, Business and Accounting Department; and Mrs. Christina Godwin, Business and Accounting Department

II. Open Meeting Law Public Comment Statement

There was no public comment or discussion.

III. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Member Putney called for an approval of the prior meeting minutes and/or suggestions, additions, or corrections to be made. Member Klimow moved to approve the prior meeting minutes with no corrections. Member Cramer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

IV. Action and Discussion Items

a. Presentation and Discussion of the Meeting Agenda

Member Putney presented the board agenda reminding the members she had disbursed this to them earlier through email. Member Klimow moved to approve the current agenda. Member Cramer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

b. Financials

Mrs. Christina Godwin presented the Board members with the new Quarterly Financial Report template that is submitted to the SPCSA quarterly. Mrs. Godwin made the board aware that this report was a mandatory report that gets submitted quarterly. She discussed how the report is filled out with the totals coming from the balance sheets the Board is used to seeing from Cougar Mountain reports. Mrs. Godwin reviewed the document and also made the Board members aware that the external accountant, Philip Zhang has reviewed and approved the report as was submitted for the November 1, 2025 deadline. We also made the Board aware that the updated and amended budget will reflect in this current spreadsheet for the quarter 2 submission. Mr. Malin also pointed out to the members of the Board that there is a portion for a narrative to speak to why the funding seems different from the budgeted totals. Mr. Malin also described that this would be the report for presenting the financial information in future meetings. Mr. Malin recommended the board members look through the new format so they are familiar and we can answer any further questions.

c. **Amended Budget**

Mr. Ken Malin spoke about the amended budget that is requiring Board approval and signatures for the additional funds granted to Innovations International Charter School of Nevada through AB 398 in the amount of \$232,037.41. He reviewed the spreadsheet with the Board to show the allocation of funds with salaries and benefits. Dr. Putney asked for clarification on the source of the funds and Mr. Malin was able to confirm that the AB 398 funds came from the Governor's legislative session that included salary raises for charter school teachers who were excluded in a previous teacher raise granted to school district personnel. Mr. Malin also advised the Board that he needed further clarification on whether a new salary schedule needed to be submitted reflecting these additional funds. Dr. Putney called for a motion to approve the amended budget and the motion was made by Member Klimow. Member Cramer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

d. **Facilities Update**

Mr. Malin began by making the Board members aware the contractors hired by Red Hook, the building owners, have been in to complete the roof of the back building. There has been no further communication on their intent for the room housed in the back building that cannot be entered at this time. Mr. Malin is continuing to seek information from Red Hook on their intent and will keep the apprised. He also spoke of the new landscaping company that has done work to clean up and improve the property at 1600 E Oakey Blvd. There was a need to replace and repair the sprinkler issues in the front of the property and it cost around \$2000.00 to do that. Dr. Putney asked Mr. Malin to clarify how the landscapers were contracted, and Mr. Malin informed the Board that these are the landscapers the school has contracted due to the owners of the property being unwilling to assist with the upkeep of the property. Mr. Malin also made the Board aware that there was a nesting of mosquitos in the trees and the pest control service is working to help irradiate the mosquitos. There has been no information or movement on the wall construction in the upper parking lot, and Mr. Malin will press the City of Las Vegas to put pressure on the homeowners who are responsible for the repair so the school can get the full use of the parking lot back.

e. **Security Report**

Mr. Ken Malin spoke to the Governing Board to make them aware of a situation of vandalism and theft at the Oakey campus. The conduit that runs outside of the building from the front door and around the library had been cut and the electrical wire had been pulled out for the copper. There was no interruption to the power of the building because those lines had been terminated in order to pull that power into the building at a previous time, but the mess of the conduit needed to be cleaned. Mr. Malin has asked the facility staff and security to be vigilant as they patrol the property to look for damage or vandalism. He also spoke to the cameras that are in need of possible replacement. The staff working over the Thanksgiving break will be troubleshooting the defective cameras and if the cameras are found to be faulty, Verkada will replace them so the camera system is fully functional as it is intended to be.

f. **Corrective Action Plan**

Mrs. Mackenzi Creel spoke to the Governing Body about the corrective action plan that needed to be implemented from the site visit from the SPCSA on September 18, 2025. Mrs. Creel explained the findings of the risk based monitoring for special education and presented the corrective action plan to the Board. Dr. Putney clarified that the findings were not a derogatory mark against the school, but more of a compliance assurance so all SPCSA charter schools were consistent in writing, servicing, and filling out the proper paperwork associated with special education needs and individualized education plans. Mrs. Creel also informed the members of the Governing Body that plans were already in place to make the necessary corrections as Dr. Malin held a meeting with the special education staff of both campuses to address the concerns from the site visit as well as solutions that would be favorable to the charter sponsor. Dr. Putney asked the members to move that the corrective action plan be accepted as written to submit to the charter authority. Member Klimow moved to approve the plan as written. Member Cramer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

g. **Star Rating and NSPF**

Mrs. Creel led the conversation while presenting a comparison chart that provided a more in depth look at the school performance and star rating from the previous two school years. While presenting the chart provided to the Board members, Mrs. Creel pointed out key factors that helped lead to student growth and success while also reminding the members of the continued work that needs to be done to continue to make positive academic growth for the students. Mrs. Creel informed the Governing Body that during the October 30th professional development, Dr. Malin requested the grade level teachers and instructional support staff work together to identify strategies that could be implemented to continue growing student achievement and growth. Dr. Putney thanked the school for their due diligence in staying on top of test scores and strategies to improve the school's star ratings.

V. **Announcements and Notifications**

a **Fundraising Opportunities**

Mrs. Creel began by introducing a new fundraising initiative that would allow the students of IICSN to sing the National Anthem at a Henderson Silver Knights hockey game as well as a portion of the ticket sales coming back to the school for fundraising dollars. Mrs. Creel informed the members of the Board that the goal was to ask community members that the Board might be familiar with to donate a portion of the ticket prices to the school in order to make the event affordable to the parents as well as allow more of the fundraising dollars to stay at the school. Mrs. Creel also presented the annual Holiday Food Drive fundraiser to the Board in hopes to once again receive donations from community members so that the families in need at the school could receive help for not only a Thanksgiving meal, but also for those who might be facing food insecurities during the current political climate.

b **Trunk or Treat**

Mr. Nick Didier spoke to the members of the Board about the success of the school's annual Trunk or Treat event. He reported of the large turn out of students, parents, community members, and staff that made the event such a success. He also thanked Mr. Joshua Willcox and Mr. Thomas Knighton for a well run event that was vastly successful.

c **Meeting Over Mugs**

Mr. Didier and Dr. Malin informed the Governing Body of the successful Meeting Over Mugs that took place on November 2, 2025. Parents were given sample SBAC questions and were asked to take Cornell notes like their students are asked to do daily in their classes. The goal was for parents to see what is asked of their students during state mandated testing in hopes that it will help them to understand the high stakes their students face during exams as well as get them on board as educational partners for their child's success. Finally, Mr. Didier and Dr. Malin were able to reiterate the importance of being present in school in order for the children to be successful on the exams. Dr. Malin reported that the parents were extremely grateful for the information.

d **Calendar Reminder for Semester I**

Mrs. Creel briefly discussed the remaining events on the community calendar for the first semester.

VI. **Member Comment**

There were no additional member comments.

VII. **Public Comment**

No members of the public were present in the meeting, so there were no comments to share.

VIII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.

Approved on: 02/09/2026


Dr. Leah Ann Patten Feb 10, 2026 09:56:31 PST

President of the Governing Board
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