



**Minutes of the February 9, 2026
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. Donnell Bayot, Dr. Lonnie Wright, Mr. Lorne Cramer, Dr. Nicole Klimow, Dr. Steve Barnson, and Mrs. Shara Weston. Members not in attendance were Dr. Rebecca Nathanson, 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. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Open Meeting Law Public Comment Statement

There was no public comment or discussion.

IV. 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 Bayot moved to approve the prior meeting minutes with no corrections. Member Cramer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

V. 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 Bayot moved to approve the current agenda. Member Weston seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

b. Facilities Update

Mr. Malin began by stating the City Impact facility is in good shape and have a solid partnership with the owners of the building. He commended their commitment and help with any repairs or needs that arise. Mr. Malin then let the Governing Body know that the Oakey facility is beginning to show its age and the maintenance has become impossible to keep up with. He spoke of past owners who were instrumental in obtaining the building as well as the necessary repairs and upgrades to make the building inhabitable for the school. Mr. Malin then spoke of the transition of ownership from Mesquite Wood 3, then Mr. Joe Kennedy, and finally to Red Hook. Under Red Hook's ownership, the rent increase of 4% every other year has made the monthly rent payment more than the school can financially afford along with the cost of maintenance and repair of the building. He informed the Governing Body that there are multiple air conditioning units that need

repair, bathrooms that need fixing, and a sewer pipe that needs replacement. There are roughly 7-8 years remaining on the lease of the Oakey facility. He then informed the Board that the school is under a triple net lease that puts the liability of facility maintenance on the school. There have been additional costs for taxes on the building as well as roof repairs on the back building. Red Hook is looking to sell the Oakey property and have brought in Hiltz Commercial Group to help facilitate the sale. Mr. Malin spoke about the school going to tour a facility in North Las Vegas as a potential new building for the school, however, the size is too small for Innovations' needs. Mr. Malin called on the board to create a subcommittee to help find a solution to this problem. Dr. Putney expressed concerns of asking for too many changes to the contract with the SPCSA in regards to grade levels and enrollment since this is our first year with the new sponsor. Mr. Cramer stated his willingness to reach out to his contacts within the community to assist the school in helping to find the right partnership for the school's benefit. Dr. Putney agreed to the idea of a subcommittee and Mr. Cramer agreed to be on the subcommittee as well as Dr. Wright. There was roughly \$115,000 spent on repairs at the Oakey campus last year. Dr. Malin also expressed concerns with the timeline of moving the school for next year because of all of the moving pieces within the SPCSA, staff retention, curriculum shifts, and other factors. Dr. Bayot proposed finding a sponsor to assist with the facilities repairs based on prior costs of repair and upkeep while continuing to look for a new building for future school years.

c. **Financials**

Mr. Malin let the Governing Body know that we are struggling to maintain our day to day operating costs. The school is behind on paying some obligations and has exhausted the reserve accounts in order to pay for the necessary repairs to keep the doors open. Mrs. Christina Godwin went over the quarterly financials with the Governing Body. She reassured the Board that Marcus and Becky were billing the grants for reimbursement as quickly as possible to recuperate some of the funds. She reiterated that we do have more expenses the revenue coming in which attributes to the slush fund being depleted. Mrs. Godwin also assured the Board that we are current with the health insurance and PERS payments. The Capital Improvement account has \$160,000 in reserve in order to make payroll for the upcoming pay period. Mr. Malin also informed the Governing Body that another factor to the reduced Capital Improvement plan is due to the increase in PERS costs. Dr. Malin advised the bookkeeping office to check the hold harmless status of the DSA funds because of the decrease in revenue.

d. **External Audit Findings**

Mr. Malin informed the Governing Body that we are still waiting on the finalized Single Audit. He does not have a concern with the findings, but would like to see the audit come back quickly for reporting purposes.

e. **Financial Framework**

Dr. Malin showed the preliminary financial framework presented to the school from the SPCSA. It shows whether the school meets, is delinquent, or fails in certain categories that tells the sponsor if we are financially sound. While the school is not being held to this rating scale from last year because we were not their school, the SPCSA worked up the findings in order to introduce Innovations to the rating scale to prepare us for next year. The school fell below standards in sustainability because of the cash ratio of our Capital Improvement account.

f. **Amended Bylaws**

Dr. Putney presented the amended Governing Body Bylaws for approval. The amendment was presented because the attorney for the SPCSA requested the changes be made in order to be in alignment with the sponsor and all legal entities involved. Dr. Putney then asked for an approval of the Bylaws as written. Dr. Klimow motioned to approve the Bylaws as written and was seconded by Dr. Wright. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Bylaws as written.

g. **Personnel Update**

Mr. Malin made the Governing Body aware of a teacher who was accused of inappropriate touching by a student in the classroom. The parents took the child to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department where a formal complaint was filed and the teacher was arrested. The school acted immediately once notified and contacted the school's attorney for legal advice on how to proceed. Innovations acted on the advice of the attorney on retainer for the media release, letters to be sent home to teachers, and the termination of employment letter sent to the former staff member. Dr. Putney expressed gratitude for the actions of administration in maintaining the school's decorum and care of the handling of the event in question.

h. **Staff Investigation**

This is tied into the personnel updates above. Mr. Malin also expanded on the filling of the teaching position for that classroom. The library teacher offered to move and cover the classroom of the teacher that was dismissed and the administration was grateful to have the position filled with someone who can assist the students with structure and continuity.

VI. **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. Mrs. Creel let the Governing Body know that the school has 150 tickets for sale for \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children, and free for choir members. Mrs. Creel also informed the Governing Body that Innovations would be participating in a night out with the Las Vegas Aces on May 9, 2026.

b **Meeting Over Mugs**

Mr. Didier let the Board know that February's Meeting Over Mugs centered around the nursing office and the procedures and reasons behind students in the nursing office. Dr. Malin informed the Governing Body that the monthly meetings have been well received from the families and have seen increased attendance month over month.

c **Testing Updates**

Mrs. Creel informed the Board that the WIDA assessments have been going well with three students left to test on the Oakey Campus and the start of testing at City Impact. She also let the Board know the testing calendars have been written for SBAC and MAPs testing. She also notified the Board of the NAEP and ACT testing dates. Dr. Malin let the Governing Body know that she is once again conducting bootcamps for grades 3-6 in the cafeteria. Mr. Didier let the Board know that Mrs. Mazurkiewicz has been pulling groups of middle school and high school students for math instruction.

d **Recruitment and Enrollment**

Dr. Malin opened the enrollment for the 26-27 school year for all parties due to a high demand from the community to look for schools for the new school year. She also informed the Board that we did not send any representatives to the School Choice Fair this year because we wanted to place a strong emphasis on events closer to Innovations.

e **Nevada Reading Week**

The theme for Nevada Reading Week is "Book an Adventure" where teachers will be given a country and students will create passports and read stories about those countries. There will be various events like door decorating and such. We would love to have guest readers and will send out a sign up sheet for that.

f First LEGO Robotics

Innovations' robotics team placed first place Grand Champions in the First LEGO Robotics Championship and will be traveling to Long Beach, California to compete internationally to represent the school and the state of Nevada. Parent meetings have been held to inform the parents of the costs and responsibilities associated with the competition, and we are going to begin fundraising for the team to participate.

VII. Member Comment

Dr. Bayot asked Mr. Didier if there was a need for the students to have any practice ACT books or materials.

VIII. Public Comment

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

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm. by a motion from Dr. Bayot.

Approved on: 14/04/2026



Dr. LeAnn F. Pickett (Apr 14, 2026 09:16:59 PDT)

President of the Governing Board
Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

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