

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2026

It is the mission of Innovations International Charter School of Nevada to provide a safe learning community, empowering responsible citizens for life.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Innovations International Charter School of Nevada was called to order by Board President Dr. LeAnn Putney at 5:07 p.m. A quorum was established.
- Board Members Present:
 - Dr. LeAnn Putney, President
 - Dr. Lonnie Wright, Vice President
 - Dr. Donnell Bayot, Secretary
 - Dr. Nicole Klimow, Teacher Representative
 - Mr. Lorne Cramer, Member
- Board Members Absent:
 - Dr. Rebecca Nathanson, Member
 - Dr. Steve Barnson, Teacher Representative
 - Mrs. Yvonne Lopez, Member
- School Leadership and Staff Participating in the Meeting:
 - Dr. Connie Malin, Superintendent
 - Mr. Ken Malin, Director of Human Resources and Business
 - Mrs. Mackenzi Creel, Executive Assistant
 - Mrs. Christina Godwin, Accounting
 - Mr. Nicholas Didier, Principal
 - Mrs. Becky Poole, Fundraising and Events

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- The Governing Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment

- No public comment was offered.

IV. Consent Agenda (For Possible Action)

a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - July 28, 2026

- The Governing Board considered the minutes from the July 28, 2026 meeting. No corrections were offered. The minutes were approved unanimously, with no opposition or abstentions.

V. Action and Discussion Items

a. Agenda Adoption - For Possible Action

- Dr. Nicole Klimow moved to adopt the September 21, 2026 agenda, with the Governing Board Membership item modified so that the Board would interview the two candidates but defer the appointment vote to a subsequent public meeting. Mr. Lorne Cramer seconded the motion. Dr. Putney explained that five members constituted a quorum for the meeting, but six members were required to satisfy the two-thirds vote requirement for the appointments. The motion carried unanimously, with no opposition or abstentions.

b. Governing Board Bylaws - For Possible Action

- Dr. Putney reviewed amendments to the Governing Board Bylaws addressing vacancies that arise during a member's term. The revisions preserve July as the regular appointment cycle while establishing a process for filling midterm vacancies, confirming candidate qualifications, conducting deliberations in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law, and requiring approval by two-thirds of the current voting Board members.
- Mr. Lorne Cramer moved to approve the amended Governing Board Bylaws as presented. Dr. Donnell Bayot seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously, with no opposition or abstentions.

c. Governing Board Membership - For Possible Action

- The Board interviewed two candidates for Governing Board vacancies: Anel Hernandez Martinez, a parent representative candidate, and Rhoton Hudson. Ms. Hernandez Martinez discussed her family's long-standing connection to IICSN and professional experience supporting social-emotional development and individuals with disabilities. Ms. Hudson discussed her extensive background in education, teacher preparation, assessment, grant writing, family engagement, and her long-standing connection to IICSN.
- No appointment vote was taken. Dr. Putney explained that the Board did not have the six members required for the two-thirds appointment threshold and that the candidates would be considered at a subsequent public meeting.

d. Financials - Discussion Item

- Mrs. Christina Godwin reviewed the July and August 2026 financial statements, including the Balance Sheet and revenue and expense information. She explained that September DSA revenue had been recorded as deferred revenue, which caused the July-August operating results to show a significant temporary loss. Administration also reported that enrollment was below projections and that the school had repaid approximately \$47,000 to the State following the prior-year true-up.
- Mr. Ken Malin reported that the school's request for a line of credit had been denied based on declining enrollment and comparisons between prior audited financial statements. The Board and administration discussed tight cash conditions, reduced Title I funding, unexpected building expenses, fundraising and donor opportunities, and the possibility of staffing reductions or consolidation if additional resources cannot be secured.
- The Board discussed activating the previously contemplated property-related subcommittee and broadening its purpose to include finance and property development. Administration recommended placing the matter on a future agenda so the committee could be formally named and activated in compliance with public-meeting requirements. Board members also discussed potential donor outreach and sustainable fundraising support.

e. Personnel Update - Discussion Item

- Mr. Ken Malin reported that one support staff member had departed for another employment opportunity and that the position would not be replaced. He reported current staffing of two administrators, 48 licensed personnel, and 26 support staff, for a total of 76 employees.
- Administration reported that leadership was evaluating potential reductions in nonessential positions while considering the operational and student-supervision impact of any staffing changes. Mr. Malin also reported that administration was monitoring continuity of instruction in a high-school science position because of attendance concerns.

f. Facilities Update - Discussion Item

- Mr. Ken Malin reported progress regarding the long-standing wall and safety issue at the neighboring property. City code-enforcement leadership had visited the site with representatives of the landlord and neighboring property. The City established a deadline for required contractor documentation and indicated that, if necessary, it could proceed with corrective work and place a lien on the property. Administration noted that the City recognized the condition as a significant safety concern because of its proximity to the school.

g. Possible Legal Action - Discussion Item

- Mr. Ken Malin informed the Board that the school had received correspondence from an attorney representing the family of a student concerning an incident involving a teacher during the 2025-2026 school year. The school's insurer directed IICSN to preserve relevant evidence, and administration confirmed that available evidence had been preserved. The matter remained pending with the insurer, and no Board action was taken.

h. Leadership Pathways - Discussion Item

- Dr. Connie Malin presented the school's leadership-pathways framework for students, classrooms, teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, and school leadership. She described the P to the Seventh Power staff framework and student leadership levels through which students earn points for citizenship, academic responsibility, positive choices, helping others, and following expectations.
- The framework is designed to emphasize positive reinforcement, restorative practices, recognition, portfolios, family engagement, and progressive leadership development. Administration explained that the pathways are intended to align expectations across students, staff, classrooms, and families while supporting engagement, school culture, and continued academic growth.

i. English Learner (EL) Manual - For Possible Action

- Mrs. Mackenzi Creel presented the annual renewal of the IICSN English Learner Policy and Plan. She explained that the primary revisions clarified instructional materials, including updated language regarding Everyday

Mathematics and removal of a test-preparation program no longer in use. Dr. Connie Malin reviewed the school's inclusive instructional practices, WIDA-aligned services, assessment requirements, monitoring procedures, and coordination of services for students who are also eligible for special education.

- A motion was made to approve the English Learner Policy and Plan as presented, and Mr. Lorne Cramer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with no opposition or abstentions.

j. Annual Written Test Security Notice - Discussion Item

- Mrs. Mackenzi Creel reviewed the Annual Written Test Security Notice, which summarizes the school's adopted Test Security Plan and the consequences associated with testing irregularities or violations. Dr. Putney had signed the notice. Mrs. Creel reported that the notice would be disseminated to students, parents, and staff through email, take-home distribution, and Infinite Campus. No formal action was required.

k. Lottery Policy for the 2027-2028 School Year - For Possible Action

- Dr. Connie Malin reviewed the updated Lottery Policy and corresponding calendar for the 2027-2028 school year. The policy retains the school's established enrollment process while clarifying statutory and sponsor requirements, enrollment preferences, waiting-list procedures, and the randomized lottery process used when applications exceed available seats.
- A motion was made to approve the Lottery Policy and calendar as presented. Dr. Lonnie Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with no opposition or abstentions.

l. Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) Star Rating - Discussion Item

- Dr. Connie Malin reported that IICSN earned a three-star Nevada School Performance Framework rating at the elementary, middle-school, and high-school levels for the 2025-2026 school year. Administration highlighted improvement in academic performance and chronic absenteeism while identifying subgroup growth and English-language proficiency as continuing areas of focus.
- The Board reviewed several performance indicators. The four-year graduation rate was reported at 92.3%, earning 29 of 30 available graduation-rate points. Elementary science proficiency increased from 7.6% to 42%, and elementary chronic-absenteeism performance improved from zero to four of ten available student-engagement points. Administration also reported substantial improvement in middle-school chronic absenteeism and discussed ongoing work to narrow achievement and opportunity gaps.

VI. Member Comment

- No additional Governing Board concerns were raised for discussion. Administration invited Board members to attend the upcoming Parent Alliance breakfast and the elementary and secondary STEM/Science Nights.

VII. Public Comment

- No additional public comment was offered.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

- There being no further business before the Governing Board, Mr. Lorne Cramer moved to adjourn and Dr. Nicole Klimow seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:21 p.m.

Minutes adopted as true and correct by the Governing Board on October 12, 2026.

Signed by:

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 Dr. LeAnn Putney, Governing Board President

October 12, 2026

Date