



Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy of Nevada
February 22, 2025 | 9:30 AM (Nevada Time) | Google Meet**

Meeting Link: [Google Meet](#)

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Agenda Posted Address: 6670 S. Tenaya Way #190, Las Vegas, NV 89113

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President Erin Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and conducted a roll call.

Board Members Present:

- Erin Phillips (President)
- Annette Dawson Owens
- Rudy Pamintuan

Non-Board Members Present:

- Shubham Pandey
- Cozette Moore (Note Taker / Timekeeper)
- Jeffrey Hernandez (PTAA Operations)
- Michael Hiltz
- Nabin Timilsina
- Karla Severson

II. Public/Parental Comment

Public comments were invited on agenda items only. No public comments were received via email or during the meeting.

III. Action Items

1. Adoption of February 22, 2025, Governing Board Agenda

Motion: Modify the agenda to remove Michael Hiltz as a potential board member due to a conflict of interest and add Nabin Timilsina as the replacement candidate.

- **Motion by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Seconded by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

2. Approval of February 3, 2025, Governing Board Minutes

Motion: Approve the February 3, 2025, Governing Board Minutes.

- **Motion by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Seconded by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

3. Approval of New Board Member – Nabin Timilsina

Motion: Approve Nabin Timilsina as a new board member.

- **Motion by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Seconded by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

4. Approval of Parent Board Member – Karla Severson

Motion: Approve Karla Severson as a parent board member.

- **Motion by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Seconded by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

5. Approval of Amendment to change grade level offerings in year one and add grades nine and ten making the grade level offering grades 6-10 in year one

Motion: Amend grade configuration to offer grades 6-10 in Year One, replacing K-8. Authorize the Board Chair to sign the amendment.

- **Motion by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Seconded by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Board Discussion & Justification:

- The board reviewed the necessity of modifying the grade configuration to avoid competition with FuturEdge Charter Academy's K-8 program and to establish PTAA as a direct feeder for FuturEdge's 8th-grade students.

- This strategic decision ensures alignment with the enrollment demand in the region and strengthens PTAA's position as a preferred high school option.
- The board acknowledged SPCSA's expectations for enrollment viability and confirmed that targeted recruitment efforts, community partnerships, and data-driven outreach strategies will secure at least 100 students in Year One.

6. Approval of Articulation Agreement with FuturEdge Charter Academy

Motion: Approve the articulation agreement with FuturEdge Charter Academy to provide preferential placement for FuturEdge 8th graders in PTAA's 9th grade.

- **Motion by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Seconded by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

7. Approval of Enrollment Policies & Application for 2025-2026 School Year

Motion: Approve the Enrollment Policies and Application for the 2025-2026 school year.

- **Motion by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Seconded by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

8. Approval of Revised Lottery Procedures

Motion: Approve the revised lottery procedures.

- **Motion by:** Erin Phillips
- **Seconded by:** Rudy Pamintuan
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

IV. Discussion Items

Shubham Pandey provided an update on property searches for future school locations. The board discussed securing properties that can be conditionally zoned for school use within the next two years.

Board Discussion on Enrollment Strategy:

- The board acknowledged SPCSA's concern regarding minimum enrollment thresholds and affirmed that active recruitment will include local partnerships, targeted advertising, and parent outreach.
- The board reinforced its commitment to leveraging community relationships and charter school networks to ensure robust enrollment figures.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Final Public Comments

No public comments were made.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

- **Motion by:** Erin Phillips
- **Seconded by:** Annette Dawson Owens
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:03 AM

Minutes Prepared by: Cozette Moore