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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Southern Nevada Trades High School (SNTHS) will conduct an in-person and virtual public meeting on campus on **Monday, January 12, 2026**, beginning at 5:00pm at 1580 Bledsoe Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89110 and on the following Google Meets link:

<https://meet.google.com/jtm-rgnc-pai>

This public meeting will be conducted in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020.

Public Comment: Time for public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting regarding any agenda items on which action may be taken by the public body and again before the adjournment of the meeting on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Southern Nevada Trades High School Board. See NRS 241.020(2)(d)(3)(I).

Public comment may also be provided telephonically by utilizing the following conference call line +1 727-330-1795 PIN: 169 209 603#

Finally, public comment may also be submitted in writing via email at snthsinfo@gmail.com and any such public comment received prior to or during the meeting will be provided to the Board and included in the written minutes of the meeting.

A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, 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 to the Board. Public comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint.

The 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:

Officers: Brett Willis, Chair; Rebecca Merrihew, Vice Chair; Kelly Gaines, Secretary.

Directors: Tina Frias, Amber Hogan, Tina Morgan, Kelly Suiter & Dan Wright.

Parent Member: Marcey Olivas

Board Members Absent: Lisa Jones, Charles Landon, Michael Van & Carlos Zuluaga.

Guests:

Brain Holmes, and Miguel D'Escoto, EdTec

Julie Carver, Consultant

SNTHS Staff:

Candi Wadsworth, Principal



AGENDA

1) Call to Order & Roll Call.

Board Chair Brett Willis called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and began recording.

2) Public Comment #1.

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. See NRS 241.020. A time limit of three (3) minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair, will be imposed on public comments. The Chair may allow additional public comment at his discretion. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comments on any matter not on the agenda.

There was no public comment.

3) Approval of December SNTHS Board Meeting Minutes. The Board will review and possibly approve the minutes of December 8, 2025, Board meeting. Brett Willis, Chair. **For Possible Action.**

Dan Wright made a motion to approve the minutes. Tina Morgan seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

4) Committee Reports. **Information/Discussion**

- a. Finance, Lisa Jones, Treasurer was not in attendance but relayed information to Principal Candi Wadsworth to present.

Lisa Jones provided bank balance of \$330,282.00

- b. CTE Build, Rebecca Merrihew, Vice Chair

There was no update from the CTE build committee.

5) SPCSA School 3-year Audit Report. Principal, Candi Wadsworth, will present the preliminary results of our 3-year school audit. **Information/Discussion**

Principal Candi Wadsworth presented the preliminary audit results, including site evaluation feedback from parents, students, and staff. The SPCSA identified areas for improvement, and Principal Wadsworth shared current solutions and updates to address those areas.

Feedback from parents, students, and staff acknowledged the school's efforts, including hosting informational nights, supporting students so they feel seen and supported, and offering a variety of learning opportunities. Identified challenges include student absenteeism, low academic achievement, and low enrollment. Principal Wadsworth will submit an attendance improvement plan to the SPCSA, which includes correction of an internal attendance reporting error. To support academic achievement, the school will transition benchmark assessments to IXL to better align with ACT standards. The school continues to implement strategies to drive enrollment growth.

6) November 2025 Financials. Miguel D'Escoto from EdTec will present the financials to the Board for possible approval. **For Possible Action**



Miguel D'Escoto went over November financials provided and were accessible with the meeting agenda. Highlights: Revenue Through November \$1.4Million, Expense \$1.5Million, Fundraising through December \$133,970. The forecast shows we are negative \$430K based on ADE of 257. Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to approve November 2025 financials. Amber Hogan seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 7) 2025 Preliminary Financial Performance Framework Ratings, Board Chair, Brett Willis, will share with the board the preliminary results that were given to us from the SPCSA. ***Information/Discussion***

Board Chair Brett Willis reported that the SPCSA will defer making recommendations pending submission of a plan addressing the identified performance metrics. Upon review of the plan, the SPCSA will provide guidance. The Board discussed strategies to improve the metrics, noting that enrollment growth and potential lease adjustments are key drivers impacting overall metrics.

- 8) Redhook update. Board Chair, Brett Willis, will update the board on lease discussions with Red Hook. ***Information/Discussion***

Board Chair, Brett Willis, updated the board on recent lease payments. The school is awaiting further response from Red Hook.

- 9) Business Development Plan. Board Members, Kelly Gaines and Dan Wright, will share with the board information and recommendations for a Business Development Plan for the school. ***For Possible Action***

Board members, Kelly Gaines and Dan Wright shared that they are in process of assessing and gaining a clear understanding of the school's needs to support the development of the business plan. Board members, Kelly Gaines and Dan Wright felt it was best if a team of Board Members put together the Business Development Plan rather than hiring an outside firm to do so. The board discussed which option they preferred and who might be on the team to create the Business Development Plan. Kelly Gaines made a motion for herself and Dan Wright to take the lead on developing a business plan for the school and present it at the February board meeting. Tina Frias seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 10) Principal's Report. Principal Wadsworth will provide the Board with information and updates. ***Information/Discussion***

- Enrollment
 - Currently at 260.
 - 184 reenrollments.
 - Currently looking at a possible projected enrollment of 292 for next year if all applications are completed
- Benchmark Testing
 - Benchmark testing will be re-administered due to loss of data by IXL.
- Sheds
 - Sheds are on track to be completed this month.
- Internships/Hiring
 - There are 34, 18-year-old, seniors that are ready for jobs.
 - A total of 6 companies have registered through the portal.

- 11) Public Comment #2.



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There was no public comment.

12) Adjournment.

Board Chair Brett Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:01PM

Supporting materials for items listed on the above-referenced agenda are available, at no charge, at the Southern Nevada Trades High School website, <https://www.snvtradeshighschool.org/> and by contacting Candi Wadsworth, Principal, via email at snthsinfo@gmail.com, or via phone at 702-706-1753.

In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before January 7, 2026, as follows:

At the Southern Nevada Trades High School website <https://www.snvtradeshighschool.org/> and
At the State of Nevada's official website, <https://notice.nv.gov/>

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Pursuant to NRS 53.045, I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

That on or before January 7, 2026, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.

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