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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, December 8, 2025**, 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; Lisa Jones, Treasurer; Kelly Gaines, Secretary.

Directors: Charles Landon, Tina Morgan, Kelly Suiter, Dan Wright, Tina Frias, Amber Hogan & Carlos Zuluaga

Parent Member: Marcey Olivas

Board Members Absent: Michael Van.

Guests:

Bob DeRuse, Advisory Board

Brain Holmes, Miguel D'Escoto and Kristen Dietz, EdTec

Melissa Holdaway FUSE School Advisory Network

SNTHS Staff:

Julie Carver, Executive Director

Candi Wadsworth, Principal



AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call.

Board Chair, Brett Willis called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 November SNTHS Board Meeting Minutes. The Board will review and possibly approve the minutes of November 10, 2025, Board meeting. Brett Willis, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***

Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa Jones seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

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

- a. Finance, Lisa Jones, Treasurer
Lisa Jones provided bank balance of \$27,583.00
- b. CTE Build, Rebecca Merrihew, Vice Chair
There was no update from the CTE build committee.

- 5) Fuse Introduction. Melissa Holdaway will share the service Fuse School Advisory Network could offer the school. ***Information/Discussion***

Board Chair Brett Willis introduced Melissa Holdaway of Fuse School Advisory Network. Ms. Holdaway shared that some client schools have experienced significant enrollment growth, while others have pursued mergers with larger networks as a solution. She explained Fuse's strategies for addressing enrollment gaps and outlined anticipated timelines. Ms. Holdaway noted that approximately 5–7% of Fuse clients ultimately merge with other networks. The Board also discussed Fuse School Advisory Network's fees.

- 6) 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 informed the board that we have not received the final audit report. Item moved to next board meeting.

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



Miguel D'Escoto went through October financials provided and were accessible with the meeting agenda. Highlights: Revenue through October \$1,100,000, Expense \$1,300,000, Fundraising \$120,970. The forecast shows negative \$430K based on ADE of 257. Amber Hogan made a motion to approve October financials. Tina Morgan seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 8) Account with GenuBank. Board Chair, Brett Willis, will discuss with the board the possibility of closing the account at GenuBank. ***For Possible Action***

Board Chair Brett Willis presented the possibility of closing the GenuBank account. The Board discussed the account's current use and remaining balance. The Board determined it was in the best interest of the school to transfer the remaining funds to the operating account. Secretary Kelley Gaines made a motion to close the GenuBank account. Tina Morgan seconded the motion. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 9) 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 ongoing lease discussions with Red Hook regarding a potential lease amendment. Red Hook indicated openness to adjusting the lease for the current school year; however, they are hesitant to extend adjustments beyond June 2026. Red Hook expressed interest in exploring additional long-term options, including potential mergers, enrollment growth strategies, or the sale of the facility.

- 10) SPCSA update. Board Chair, Brett Willis, will update the board on recent conversations with SPCSA staff regarding possible options for the school. ***Information/Discussion***

Board Chair Brett Willis updated the Board on feedback from the SPCSA. The SPCSA outlined requirements for various potential options, including receiving assistance from other schools, relocating facilities, or adding new programs, all of which would require formal amendments. The SPCSA strongly encouraged the school to ensure that any new programs demonstrate high success rates and financial stability.

- 11) Business Development Plan. Board Chair, Brett Willis, will lead a discussion regarding the creation of a Business Development Plan for the school. ***For Possible Action***

Board Chair Brett Willis led a discussion regarding the development of a Business Development Plan to drive enrollment. Options discussed included hiring Fuse School Advisory Network, assembling an internal working group, or contracting an external consultant. The Board also considered alternatives to Fuse, including engaging experts from other industries to provide perspectives outside of education. Kelley Gaines, Dan Wright, and Board Chair Brett Willis discussed the potential costs associated with each option. Board members requested additional time to evaluate the options; therefore, no motion was made.

- 12) Update on Executive Director Transition. Executive Director, Julie Carver, will discuss with the board her ongoing role after December. ***For Possible Action***



Executive

Director Julie Carver presented her proposed ongoing role as a Board consultant beginning in January. Her responsibilities would include sustainability planning, marketing, community partnerships, and grant development. Ms. Carver proposed two compensation structures as an independent contractor: a fixed monthly rate and an as-needed arrangement. The Board discussed both options. Charles Landon made a motion to retain Julie Carver for the months of January and February at a rate of \$4,800 per month. Dan Wright seconded the motion. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

13) Principal's Report. Principal Wadsworth will provide the Board with information and updates.

Information/Discussion

- Enrollment
 - Currently at 245.
 - 26/27 Lottery – 39 New applications. 210 applications including returning students.
- Benchmark Testing
 - Second round of testing in progress.
- School Events
 - Lennar construction site field trip for 11th graders on Dec 10th.
 - Planning next field trip at JD Stairs for 10th graders.
 - Beazer Day of Service March 20th.
- JobsToBuild update
 - 16 students have uploaded resumes.
 - 3 companies have registered through the portal.
 - 51 seniors will be 18 years by the end of the school year.

14) Public Comment #2.

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There was no public comment.

15) Adjournment.

Board Chair Brett Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:50PM



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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 December 3, 2025, 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/>

DECLARATION OF POSTING

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

That on or before December 3, 2025, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.

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