



SOUTHERN NEVADA TRADES HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Southern Nevada Trades High School (SNTHS) will conduct an in-person and virtual public meeting on campus on **Monday, February 9, 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 snthinfo@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: Amber Hogan, Charles Landon, Tina Morgan, Kelly Suiter, Dan Wright & Carlos Zuluaga

Parent Member: Marcey Olivas

Board Members Absent: Tina Frias and Michael Van

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 5:01 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 revisions made to December 8, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes, per recommendations from the SPCSA requesting more details for discussion items. Brett Willis, Chair. **For Possible Action.**

Board Chair Brett Willis announced that the SPCSA requested more details on discussion items for the Board Meeting Minutes from December. Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to approve the revised December minutes. Dan Wright seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 4) Approval of January SNTHS Board Meeting Minutes. The Board will review and possibly approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Board Meeting. Brett Willis, Chair. **For Possible Action.**

Board Chair Brett Willis announced that the SPCSA requested more details on discussion items for the Board Meeting Minutes from January. Dan Wright made a motion to approve the January minutes. Rebecca Merrihew seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

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

- a. Finance, Lisa Jones, Treasurer

Lisa Jones provided the bank balance of \$320,188.00

- b. CTE Build, Rebecca Merrihew, Vice Chair

Student sheds are projected to be ready for fundraising at the Southern Nevada Home Builders Golf Tournament.

- 6) December 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 December statements provided and were accessible with the meeting agenda. Highlights: Revenue through December \$1.8M, Expenses \$2.0M, fundraising through January \$145K. Brian Holmes explained that if the school does not meet its fundraising goals, it could hurt the operations of the school. The forecast shows -\$506K based on ADE of 257. Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to approve the December 2025 financials. Lisa Jones seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.



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

Board Chair Brett Willis reported that the school has not identified any interested buyers for the facility at this time. Red Hook is currently reviewing the school's proposed lease adjustments and is expected to provide a response by the end of the week.

Board Chair Brett Willis and Lisa Jones discussed that partial rent payments have been made to Red Hook in good faith. Board Chair Brett Willis also noted that it would not be in the school's best interest to negotiate a lease agreement for only the current year, and that Red Hook has expressed hesitation about committing to a multi-year agreement.

- 8) 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 Member Kelly Gaines presented the business development plan, including strategic, operating, marketing, and financial components. Kelly Gaines reported that school tours will provide consistent messaging and experience for prospective families and donors. The Board reviewed the school's financial position, structural drivers, and the four-year forecast and budget. Dan Wright noted that increasing enrollment by 10%, 15%, and 20% annually would place the school back on track by 2029.

The Board discussed assumptions related to lease renegotiations with Red Hook and the inclusion of the promissory note in the plan. Kelly Gaines reviewed the proposed Executive Leader role, which is intended to support enrollment, community engagement, and fundraising.

The Board also reviewed the proposed hiring process: Job descriptions and compensation structures under development will be produced by pro-bono consultants, pro-bono recruiter will identify and screen candidates, final candidates will be interviewed by the board. A suggestion was made that candidates present a plan for their first 90-day plan.

The Board discussed measuring plan impact using monthly performance metrics and considered adding donor engagement metrics. Board Chair, Brett Willis, shared that Tina Frias requested to participate in related discussions and commitments.

Until the executive director has been hired an intern operating committee will be created consisting of Kelly Gaines, Dan Wright, Tina Frias and Brett Willis to begin implementation of the Business Plan.

Lisa Jones moved to approve the business development plan. Amber Hogan seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

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

- Enrollment
 - Currently at 258.
 - Enrollment for 2026-2027 is 220 with 12 pending applications.



- School Events/ fundraising
 - February 19th fundraiser for Senior end of year trip.
 - 8th graders are coming to visit campus.
 - 811 training for 12th graders
 - Forklift training for 12th graders
 - The covering field trip for 10th graders.
 - NV Energy Showcase for 10th grade
 - WIDA testing starts this week.
- Sheds
 - The sheds are finished and will be auctioned off for fundraising.
- Internships/Hiring
 - 51 seniors will be 18 by the end of the year. 34 are already 18 and are ready for jobs.
 - 40 students have current resumes uploaded.
 - Companies that have registered through our portal are:
 - Sierra Air Conditioning Inc
 - Silver Lake Construction
 - Enix Mechanical
 - Redrock Insulation
 - Redrock Insulation 2
 - Accu Grading and Paving Inc.
- Benchmark Testing Results
 - ELA Winter scores show that 30% of students are testing approaching grade level the rest are testing under grade level.
 - There was growth in writing and language.
 - Math Winter Scores show that 9th graders tested the worst out of all grade levels. All students are either on grade level or under grade level.
 - Principal Candi Wadsworth will reach out to iXL to ensure all data is processed correctly.

10) Public Comment #2.

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There was no public comment.

11) Adjournment.

Board Chair Brett Willis adjourned the meeting at 7:01PM

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 snthinfo@gmail.com, or via phone at 702-706-1753.



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In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before February 4, 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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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 February 4, 2026, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Wadsworth', is written in a cursive style.

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