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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, April 13, 2026**, beginning at 5:00pm on the following Google Meets link:

Video call link: 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: Tina Frias, Amber Hogan, Charles Landon, Tina Morgan, Kelly Suiter, Michael Van, Dan Wright & Carlos Zuluaga

Parent Member: Marcey Olivas

Board Members Absent: Lisa Jones, Tina Frias, Tina Morgan, Kelly Suiter & Michael Van.

Guests: Miguel D'Escoto, EdTec

SNTHS Staff:

Candi Wadsworth, Principal



AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call.

Board Chair Brett Willis called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

- 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 March 9th SNTHS Board Meeting Minutes. The Board will review and possibly approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, Board Meeting. Brett Willis, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***

Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to approve the March 9th board meeting minutes. Carlos Zuluaga seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 4) Approval of March 30th SNTHS Board Meeting Minutes. The Board will review and possibly approve the minutes of the March 30, 2026, Board Meeting. Brett Willis, Chair. ***For Possible Action.***

Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to approve the March 30th board meeting minutes. Charles Landon seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 5) 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 \$265,802.00

- b. CTE Build, Rebecca Merrihew, Vice Chair reported that the CTE sheds are being auctioned and that subcontractors have donated materials for the construction of new sheds.

- 6) February 2026 Financials. Miguel D'Escoto from EdTec will present the financials to the Board for possible approval. ***For Possible Action***

Miguel D'Escoto went over February 2026 financials provided and were accessible with the meeting agenda. Highlights: Revenue through February \$2.1 Million, Expenses \$2.4 Million. Fundraising through March \$216,000. The forecast shows \$87,000 in Net income at the end of the year based on ADE of 257. Kelly Gaines made a motion to approve the February financials. Dan Wright seconded. No one opposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 7) Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget, Miguel D'Escoto from EdTec will present the FY 2027 Budget to the Board for possible approval. ***For Possible Action***



Miguel D'Escoto reviewed the tentative budget provided in the meeting agenda. Revenue assumptions for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 total \$4.3 million. Faculty payroll and benefits assumptions are \$2.5 million. Remaining AB398 funds will be allocated in the final FFY27 budget. Other expenses, including facilities, transportation, supplies, and contractors, are projected at \$1.7 million. Net income is projected at \$22,000, based on the assumptions, which continue to be refined. Miguel D'Escoto also reviewed potential budget opportunities and risks. Amber Hogan made a motion to approve the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Dan Wright seconded. All in favor. No one opposed it. Motion carried.

- 8) FY27 AB398 Teacher raise allocation workbook, Board Chair, Brett Willis, will present to the board the workbook for AB398 teacher raises for FY27 for review and approval. ***For Possible Action***

Board Chair Brett Willis presented the FY27 AB398 Teacher Raise Allocation Workbook and noted that the numbers are not currently reflected in the tentative budget but will be updated in the May budget. Board Chair Willis reported an allocation of \$69,597.97, to be distributed evenly among 21 staff members in the amount of \$3,314.19 per staff member. The Board discussed. Charles Landon made a motion to approve the AB398 Workbook. Kelly Gaines seconded. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

- 9) May 2025 and June 2025 Redhook promissory note amendments, Board Chair, Brett Willis, will present to the board the amendments to the May and June 2025 Promissory Notes to Red Hook. ***For Possible Action***

Board Chair Brett Willis presented the May 2025 and June 2025 Red Hook Promissory Note Amendments. Board Chair Brett Willis stated that originally, these notes Chair Brett Willis stated that originally these notes required the full principal and interest to be paid this June. Under the proposed amendments, Red Hook is requiring annual interest payments each year until June 1, 2029 with the full principal repayment deferred until June 1, 2029. The board discussed the amendments. Dan Wright seconded. No one opposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 10) Disbandment of Strategic Operating Committee, Board Member Kelly Gaines, will present to the board disbanding the Strategic Operating Committee. ***For Possible Action***

Board Chair Brett Willis opened the discussion regarding the disbandment of the Strategic Operating Committee. Board Member Kelly Gaines shared that when the committee was formed in February, its purpose was to aid in the execution of the strategic and operations plan. She noted that there were only two remaining work streams to be fulfilled, which did not require a full committee. The Board discussed alternative ways to maintain operating systems and accountability. Kelly Gaines made a motion to disband the Strategic Operating Committee. Charles Landon seconded. No one opposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 11) Update on search for Executive Director, Board Member Kelly Gaines, will update the board on the search for the new Executive Director. ***Information/Discussion***

Board Member Kelly Gaines provided an update to the Board on the search for a new Executive Director. Kelly Gaines shared that there was an outstanding number of applicants, which were narrowed down to five potential candidates. Of those, three candidates have been selected to move forward to the second round of interviews. Following the second round, the Board will be provided with scorecards and recommendations to determine which candidates will move forward for Board interviews. No further discussion.

- 12) Revision of the Strategic Operating Manual fundraising goal Board Chair, Brett Willis will present to the board possible revisions to be made to the Strategic Operation Manual. ***For Possible Action***



Board Chair Brett Willis presented proposed revisions to the Strategic Operations Manual, specifically Section One, Page 3 of the plan (included in the packet). The revision reflects updated fundraising projections and property service costs to align with more recent information. It was noted that the revised amount of \$809,000 for FY27 corresponds with the FY27 Tentative Budget."

Board Chair Brett Willis reiterated that the updated fundraising amounts are the only change made to the plan and that all other sections remain unchanged. Rebecca Merrihew made a motion to adopt the revision of the Strategic Operations Manual. Dan Wright seconded. No one opposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 13) Update Financial Framework Rating from SPCSA, Brett Willis board chair will update the board on the SPCSA Financial Framework ratings we will receive in April. ***Information/Discussion***

Board Chair Brett Willis explained that this notice was based on prior-year performance and that the fiscal year 2025 results reflected a decline across several financial indicators. The SPCSA's recommendation to its Board is that the school be issued a Notice of Breach due to deteriorating financial performance in 2025. Although the school has renegotiated its lease and anticipates enrollment growth, current projections rely on philanthropic support and increased enrollment to remain financially viable. For this reason, despite these improvements, the SPCSA determined it was appropriate to recommend the Notice of Breach.

Board Chair Brett Willis added that the plan is to request that the designation remain as a Notice of Concern rather than being elevated to a Notice of Breach. The board went over the different levels of notices issued by the SPCSA and what they represent.

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

- Enrollment
 - Current enrollment is 236
 - Enrollment for SY 26/27 is 234.
- School Events/ fundraising
 - Senior Sunset April 16th @ 5:30PM
 - Job Fair on site April 17th @ 9:00AM – 1:00PM
 - Junior/Senior Prom April 24th
 - 9th Science Test April 28th
 - Senior Grad Night May 8th
 - Graduation May 18th
- Internships/Hiring Update
 - Companies that registered for the job fair:
 - Sierra Air Conditioning Inc
 - Silver Lake Construction
 - Avanti Windows and Doors
 - Red Rock Insulation
 - Westwood Professional Services
 - QMS Construction
 - Hirschi Companies
 - Enix Mechanical
 - Companies that have registered through our portal:



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- Silver Lake Construction
- Enix Mechanical
- Red Rock Insulation
- Accu Grading and Paving Inc.
- Westwood Professional Services
- QMS Construction
- Hirschi Companies
- Dashboards for Review and Feedback
 - Financial Dashboards reflect our actual vs budgeted expenses for February.
 - YTD and Monthly Payroll are reporting under budget.
 - The school is at 31% of the fundraising goal.
 - Transportation shows a high expense rate. A budget for RTC bus passes will be included in FY 26/27 budget.
 - Academic dashboards are being developed.
 - The board requested an updated donors list for the website.

15) Public Comment #2.

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There was no public comment.

16) Adjournment.

Board Chair Brett Willis adjourned the meeting at 6:18PM

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.

In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this public notice and agenda has been posted on or before April 8, 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 April 8, 2026, this Public Notice and Agenda was posted at the above-referenced websites and locations.

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