



South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, notice is hereby given to the members of the SCCA Board and the general public that the SCCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

**Held at the following locations:**

220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 402  
Columbia, SC 29210

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

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**BOARD AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – T. Edwards
- II. Roll Call – T. Edwards
- III. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – T. Edwards
- IV. Oral Reports
  - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – A. Reaves
    - i. State of the School Report (attached)
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – J. Marhefka
- V. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2009 Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2009 Dinner Meeting (attached)
  - c. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
  - d. Ratification of the Principal's Acceptance of the Curriculum Pathways License Agreement on Behalf of the School (attached)
  - e. Approval of Revisions to the State Specific School Handbook (attached)
  - f. Approval of Principal to Work with CA on the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook, State Specific Handbook, and the Parent Agreements Needed for Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year
- VI. Action Items
  - a. Approval of CA Invoice for September (attached) – G. Fielders
  - b. Review and Acceptance of 2009 Fiscal Audit Report (to follow) – J. Marhefka
  - c. Approval of School Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year (attached) – A. Reaves
  - d. Approval for the School to Move Forward with the Application Process for Accreditation (attached) – A. Reaves

- VII. Information Items
  - a. Legislative Update – K. Michel
  - b. Policy Discussion Plan – M. Revenaugh
  - c. Update on Board Election Process – M. Wrisley
  - d. Update on Potential Board Counsel (attached) – T. Edwards
  - e. Board Academy 2009 – A. Reaves
  - f. Scheduling of Onsite Board Training – M. Wrisley
  
- VIII. Confirmation of Meeting and Adjournment – November 18, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

## CONSENT ITEMS

The Chair will ask members what items, if any, they want removed from the consent agenda for discussion. If any member asks that an item be moved, it will be moved to the Action Items. After any items have been removed, the Chair will read out the remaining consent items and ask for their adoption in one motion if there is no objection.

**a. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2009 Board Meeting**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Megann Wrisley

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

**b. Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2009 Board Dinner Meeting**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Megann Wrisley

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

**c. Approval of the Staffing Report**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Allison Reaves

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that are recommended for hire. The staffing report includes each candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any promotions, for Board review and approval.

**d. Ratification of the Principal's Acceptance of the Curriculum Pathways License Agreement on Behalf of the School**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Allison Reaves

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** In order for the school to finalize their registration and access to the no charge Curriculum Pathways online content, the school's Principal was required to register at the SAS Curriculum Pathways web site and accept the license agreement. The school is requesting Board authorization to ratify this action of the Principal and the license agreement as attached in the Board materials.

**e. Approval of Revisions to the State Specific School Handbook**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Allison Reaves

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Included in your Board materials is the South Carolina uniform grading scale, currently used by grades 9-12 at SCCA. Board approval is requested for the use of the South Carolina uniform grading scale for grades K-12.

**f. Approval of Principal to Work with CA on the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook, State Specific Handbook and the Parent Agreements Needed for Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEM:** Megann Wrisley

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year, we are requesting the Board designate the Principal to start the review process with Connections Academy for the General Handbook, State Specific Handbook, and the Parent Agreements (which include the Parent Learning Coach Agreement, the Designated Learning Coach Agreement and the Regulatory Program Guide) needed for Enrollment of students and then a reviewed product be brought to the Board for consideration and approval at an upcoming meeting.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTION ITEMS

**a. Approval of CA Invoices for September**

**PRESENTER:** Gina Fielders

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Ms. Fielders will review the invoice as it relates to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoice, and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Review and Acceptance of 2009 Fiscal Audit Report**

**PRESENTER:** Janet Marhefka

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Included in the Board materials is the 2009 Fiscal Audit Report. Ms. Marhefka will review the documents with the Board, and request Board acceptance thereof.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Approval of School Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year**

**PRESENTER:** Allison Reaves

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Ms. Reaves will review the proposed 2009-2010 school goals with the Board and will seek Board approval of these.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**d. Approval for the School to Move Forward with the Application Process for Accreditation**

**PRESENTER:** Allison Reaves

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** The school would like to begin the application process to become accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS). Included in the Board materials is a memo explaining CA's planned ongoing support of this initiative. Board approval for the school to move forward with the application process for accreditation is requested.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_