



**APPROVED 8/15/2016**

**Oklahoma Connections Academy  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, July 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. CT**

**Held at the following location and via Teleconference:  
Marriott Tulsa Hotel Southern Hills  
1902 East 71<sup>st</sup>  
Tulsa, OK 74136**

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**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m., when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

**II. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act**

Mr. Sullivan confirmed the Board Meeting Agenda had been posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**III. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Bob Sullivan and Jennifer Williams (in person);

Board Members Absent: John Tidwell;

Guests: Tammy Shepherd, School Leader (in person); Bryce Adams, Jay Ragley, Missy Nelson and Kristin DeGroff, Connections Staff (via phone).

**IV. Public Comment**

There were no comments at this time.

**V. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. He asked whether the Board requested any changes be made to the agenda. There being no changes requested, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the July 1, 2016 Oklahoma Connections Academy Board of Directors Regular Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Consent Items

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the June 13, 2016 Annual (Special) Board Meeting; and
- b. Approval of Revision(s) to School Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Action Items

### a. Consideration of Board Policy: Testing Policy

Ms. Shepherd reviewed the proposed policy with the Board, including the background to the policy development. She noted that further updates to the policy would be presented for Board consideration over the coming months, pending ongoing legislative decisions regarding state testing requirements. Board members discussed the policy in detail, and noted their desire for all students at the school to be well prepared for state exams. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board Policy: Testing Policy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

### b. Consideration of Board Policy: Graduation Requirements Policy

Ms. Shepherd reviewed the proposed policy with the Board, including the background to the policy development. She noted that further updates to the policy would be presented for Board consideration over the coming months, pending ongoing legislative decisions regarding graduation requirements. Board members discussed the policy in detail, and noted their desire for the school's graduates to be well prepared for all post-secondary plans. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board Policy: Graduation Requirements Policy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VIII. Information Items

### a. Board Member Recruitment Update

Mr. Adams provided the Board with an update on ongoing Board member recruitment, and noted that further updates would be provided at a future meeting.

## IX. Extended Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

**X. New Business**

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board Members if there was any new business for discussion. No new business was discussed.

**XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – August 24, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. CT**

The Board confirmed the Next Board Meeting was scheduled to be held on August 24, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. CT. The Board, being at the end of its agenda, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Submitted by

Approved by

Name: Kristin DeGross  
Board Minute Clerk

Name: Bob Sullivan  
Board President