



**APPROVED 10/19/2016**

**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Held at the following location and via teleconference:  
220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403  
Columbia, SC 29210**

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**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The agenda had been posted in accordance with legal requirements and the school was open to the public to attend the meeting.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Gary Prince and Frank Thomas (in person); Beth Purcell, Melanie Murphy and Mike Campbell (via phone);

Board Members Joined During Meeting: Meka Childs (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Peter Moyi;

Guests Present: Amanda Ebel, School Leader; Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Rachel Graver, Shon Hocker, Karen Duquette, Tanya Lee and Laura Coleman, Connections staff (all via phone).

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments at this time.

[Ms. Lee joined the meeting at 3:03 p.m.]

**IV. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the September 21, 2016 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

[Ms. Childs joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.]

## V. Oral Reports

### a. School Leader's Report

#### i. Enrollment and Staffing Update

Ms. Ebel reviewed the Monthly School Report (MSR) and current enrollment with the Board, including the enrollment distribution across grades. She also discussed with the Board staffing updates that have been made based on enrollment. The Board discussed the MSR data in detail with Ms. Ebel.

#### ii. Back to School Activities Update

Ms. Ebel discussed with the Board recent back to school activities, including past and upcoming open houses.

### b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial report included in the Board Meeting materials. She highlighted key aspects of the school's revenue and expense reports, as well as the school's forecast for the school year. The Board discussed specific line items of the budget in detail.

## VI. Consent Agenda

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

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the August 17, 2016 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Revision(s) to 2016-2017 School Year State-Specific Handbook: High School Programs and Policies; and
- d. Approval of Closing Enrollment for the 2016-2017 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Action Items

### a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoices for July and August

The Board discussed the invoices for the months of July and August, as included in the Board package, and derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. The Board discussed their desire for Mr. Moyi to complete his review of the invoices and then to make payment to Connections Academy based on availability of funds. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC invoices for July, in the amount of \$1,899,875.66, and August, in the amount of \$2,022,730.56, as presented, are hereby approved for payment upon the availability of funds and upon the final review and approval of the Board Treasurer.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Information Items**

### a. State Relations Update

Ms. Duquette and Mr. Michel reviewed recent legislative activities that may impact the school.

### b. Partner Leadership Team Update

Ms. Graver presented to the Board on behalf of the Connections' Partner School Leadership Team. She provided the Board with additional background on recent staff training and back to school activities, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

### c. Curriculum Town Hall Reminder

Ms. Coleman reminded the Board of the timing of the upcoming Curriculum Town Hall presentation as part of the annual review process. She advised the Board that additional information on the presentation would be sent via email.

### d. Board Recruitment Update

Mr. Prince and Ms. Coleman provided the Board with an update on anticipated upcoming Board composition changes and the search for new potential Board members for consideration at the Board's next meeting.

## **IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. ET**

Mr. Prince noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.