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South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, June 21, 2017 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, Frank Thomas and Adam Hall (in person); Beth Purcell, Meka Childs and Rebecca Battle-Bryant (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Mike Campbell;

Guests Present: Amanda Ebel, School Leader (in person); Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Jay W. Ragley, Rachel Graver, Brian Rosta, Tanya Lee and Laura Coleman, Connections staff (all via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

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 June 21, 2017 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Annual Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Oral Reports

### a. School Leader's Report

#### i. Graduation and End of Year Activities Update

Ms. Ebel provided the Board with an update on the recent graduation ceremony, including number of graduates. Ms. Ebel also discussed the school's end of year activities for staff and families.

[Mr. Rosta joined the meeting at 3:04 p.m.]

### b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial materials included in the Board materials in detail, highlighting the budget and forecasting areas of the financial statements and changes since the previous meeting's report. She reviewed the balance sheet, including the school's expense statements and revenue. The Board discussed the financial report in detail with the Ms. Lee.

## VI. Consent Agenda

Mr. Prince 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 noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the May 17, 2017 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; and
- c. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2017-2018 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Action Items

### a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoice for May

Mr. Thomas reviewed the invoice for the month of May, as included in the Board package, and derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. He asked the Board members whether they had any questions on the invoice. There being none, he recommended the approval of the invoice to the Board based on his review. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC invoice for May, in the amount of \$2,550,955.73, as presented, is hereby approved for payment pending the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

### b. Approval of Officers Until the Election

Ms. Coleman presented this item to the Board. She reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advised the Board that all positions would be in the interim, until the Board's next election. Nominations were opened for each position. Following the closure of nominations, and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

Gary Prince, Board President;  
Mike Campbell, Vice President;  
Frank Thomas, Board Treasurer; and  
Beth Purcell, Board Secretary, as discussed, are hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Approval of SCPCSD Corrective Action Plan

Ms. Ebel reviewed the proposed Corrective Action Plan for the South Carolina Public Charter School District (SCPCSD) as included in the Board meeting materials. Ms. Ebel reminded the Board of SCPCSD Representative, Mr. Bobby Rykard's, attendance and recommendations during the previous Board meeting and subsequent follow up on items of concern expressed by the Board. Ms. Ebel reviewed the proposed actions and goals to respond to the SCPCSD. The Board discussed the goals in detail with Ms. Ebel. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the SCPCSD Corrective Action Plan, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Information Items**

a. State Relations Update

Mr. Ragley reviewed the State Relations report included in the Board meeting materials on legislative activities that may impact the school.

b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update

Ms. Graver presented to the Board on behalf of Connections' School Leadership Team.

i. 2017-2018 School Year Support Update and Introduction

Ms. Graver reviewed the school support to be provided by Connections for the 2017-2018 school year, including the roles of the Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) and Program Manager. She further introduced Dr. Rosta to the Board, and reviewed Dr. Rosta's PSLT role in supporting SCCA for the 2017-2018 school year. The Board welcomed Dr. Rosta back to his support role with the School and thanked Ms. Graver for her dedication and support.

c. Results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey

Ms. Ebel reviewed the results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey, included in the Board materials, in detail with the Board. She noted that a third party independent vendor conducted the survey. A copy of the results of the survey was sent to the school Board's President directly from the third party vendor. The Board commended Ms. Ebel on the positive survey results.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter – S.C.C. § 30-4-70(a)(1) – for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by public body**

The Board entered into executive session at 3:36 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via a roll call vote of all the Board members present, pursuant to S.C.C. § 30-4-70(a)(1) for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by a public body. Board members in attendance were Gary Prince, Frank Thomas, Beth Purcell, Meka Childs, Rebecca Battle-Bryant and Adam Hall. At the invitation of the Board, guests in attendance were: Rachel Graver and Laura Coleman. All others left the meeting at this time.

After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session at 3:44 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all the Board members present. No action was taken during executive session.

**X. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Executive Session**

a. Approval of School Leader Compensation for the 2017-2018 School Year

Mr. Prince reviewed the recommended compensation for the 2017-2018 school year as discussed during the Executive Session, and requested Board approval. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School Leader Compensation for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$103,645.55 with a 20% bonus potential, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2017 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 August 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.