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**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

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

I. Summary of Elections and Appointment of Newly Appointed Board Members

Ms. Coleman briefly discussed the recent Board election process, including the nomination process, those who were eligible to vote, the results, and the communications sent to all participants. She further confirmed that the election results were verified by a third party representative from the South Carolina Public Charter School District. Ms. Coleman congratulated the newly appointed Board members.

II. Introduction of Participants

Mr. Prince welcomed the newly elected Board members.

III. Call to Order

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 3:04 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.

IV. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Gary Prince, Adam Hall and Joe Baxter (in person); Ashley Hinson (via phone);

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

Board Members Absent: Frank Thomas and Rebecca Battle-Bryant;

Guests Present: Courtney Boyd and Ashley Jordan, School staff (in person); Kyle Michel, Kyle Michel Law Firm; Karen Duquette, Brian Rosta, Tanya Lee and Laura Coleman, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) staff (all via phone).

V. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

VI. 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 November 15, 2017 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

i. Student Support Update

In Ms. Ebel's absence, Ms. Boyd reviewed with the Board the student services offerings and participation rate as included in the Board meeting materials. The Board discussed staffing associated with student services with Ms. Boyd.

ii. Student Intervention Efforts Update – Tier 1 and Tier 2

Ms. Boyd updated the Board on Student Intervention Efforts. She advised the Board of school staff members' increased awareness of critical educational components and benchmarks, as well as Pearson Online and Blended Learning (POBL)'s useful tools for tracking student progress. Ms. Boyd further discussed the relation these efforts have to the school's annual success in goals completion.

[Ms. Childs joined at 3:11 p.m.]

b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial materials included in the Board material. She reviewed the changes in the financials and the forecasted expenses since last month's statements, enrollment funding, projected fund balance and specific expenses.

VIII. 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 October 18, 2017 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoice for October; and
- d. Approval of Board President as Board Designee to work with the School Leader to Finalize and Submit the School's 2016-2017 School Year Annual Report; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Action Items

a. Approval of Officers for the 2017-2018 School Year

Ms. Coleman reviewed the need for the Board to appoint Officers to the Board with the conclusion of the election process. 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 until the Board's Annual Meeting in June 2019. 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;
Adam Hall, Vice President;
Frank Thomas, Board Treasurer; and
Meka Childs, Board Secretary; as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

X. Information Items

a. State Relations Update

Ms. Duquette and Mr. Michel 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

Dr. Rosta presented to the Board on behalf of Pearson Online & Blended Learning's (POBL) Partner School Leadership Team.

i. School Leader Review Process Reminder

Dr. Rosta outlined the annual school leader review process with the Board. He reminded Board members that the process includes feedback from the Board through a survey. Dr. Rosta further reminded the Board that Ms. Ebel's mid-year review will be discussed during the January meeting and the final review will take place during the Board's Annual Meeting in June. He also reiterated the importance of Board member participation in the review process.

c. Future Funded Enrollment Growth

Dr. Rosta reviewed with the Board a proposed Funded Enrollment Target for the 2018-2019 school year of 5,000 students. He reminded Board members that the target is a major driver for school budget planning, including outreach, staffing and many other initiatives. Dr. Rosta further advised that the proposed enrollment target will be presented for approval during the upcoming January Board meeting, if Board members indicate their support of the number. He reviewed past target numbers and the predicted growth for the schools based on many factors, including trends in enrollment, students currently in the pipeline and outreach efforts. The Board expressed their support of the proposed number.

XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 17, 2018 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 January 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.