



Utah Connections Academy (UCA)  
BOARD MEETING

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. MT

**Held Via Teleconference:**

Due to State Precautions regarding Public Health and Safety  
During COVID-19 Pandemic

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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. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Erin Taylor at (385) 489-0444. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

**BOARD AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – S. Kinney
- II. Confirmation of Appointment of Board Member Candidate: Brenda Nelson – S. Kinney/ L. Coleman
- III. Roll Call – S. Kinney
- IV. Mission Statement – S. Kinney

Utah Connections Academy is a pioneering virtual public charter school whose mission is to maximize academic achievement for students in grades K-12 throughout the state of Utah who need an alternative to the traditional classroom.

- V. Public Comment

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public both in-person and telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the school principal by phone or by email at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Principal at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Board grants additional time.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Principal at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "Our School Board" page at [www.connectionsacademy.com](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

- VI. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – S. Kinney
  
- VII. Oral Reports
  - a. School Leader's Report (MSR attached) – E. Taylor
    - i. Covid-19 Update
    - ii. Staffing Update
    - iii. State Testing Process during COVID Restrictions
    - iv. Cares Act Funding Update
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Gianoni
  
- VIII. Consent Items
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
  - c. Approval of Online & Blended Learning (OBL) Invoice(s) for June Audit (attached)
  - d. Approval of Online & Blended Learning (OBL) Invoice(s) for November and December (attached)
  - e. Approval of 2021-2022 School Year General School Handbook (attached)
  - f. Approval of 2021-2022 School Year State Specific Handbook (attached)
  
- IX. Action Items
  - a. Approval of Outreach Recruitment Target for the 2021-2022 School Year – E. Taylor
  - b. Approval of Math Time to Talk Proposal and Contract (attached) – E. Taylor
  
- X. Information Items
  - a. Budget Development Process Update – T. Gianoni/ E. Sigmund
  - b. State Account Relations (STAR) Update – E. Sigmund
    - i. 2021 Utah Legislative Session Preview
    - ii. Brand Refresh Update
    - iii. Marketing Services Overview (attached) – L. Sitler
  - c. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update – J. Dukek
    - i. School Operations Metrics (attached)
  - d. State LAND Trust Training Discussion – Board Members
  - e. Board Relations Update – L. Coleman
    - i. Additional Local Education Agency (LEA) Audit Committee Training
  
- XI. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matter – Utah Code Ann. §52-4-205(1)(a) – to discuss an individuals' character and professional competence (attached) – J. Dukek
  
- XII. Adjournment and Confirmation of the Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. MT