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**Utah Connections Academy
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

Friday, July 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. MT

Held at the Following Location:

Via Teleconference due to State Precautions regarding Public Health and Safety
During COVID-19 Pandemic

1(800) 747-5150; Code 172-9385

I. Call to Order

Ms. Kinney called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The agenda had been posted in accordance with legal requirements and the meeting was open to the public and held via teleconference due to state precautions regarding public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Stephanie Kinney, Preston Baxter and Kaydee Phillips (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Megan Ellis and Elisa Nelson;

Guests Present: Erin Taylor, School Leader; Jenny Dukek, Eileen Sigmund and Laura Coleman, Online & Blended Learning (OBL) staff (via phone).

III. Mission Statement

As printed on the posted Board meeting Agenda, 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.

IV. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present and therefore no public comments at this time.

Action Items

Approval of School Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

In the interest of time, the Board moved this item up on the agenda. Ms. Dukek provided the Board with an overview to the Utah State Board of Education (USB E) School reopening plan requirement.

[Ms. Taylor joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.]

Ms. Taylor reviewed with the Board the components of the Reopening Plan, as included in the Board meeting materials, and further explained how many sections were not applicable to UCA as a fully online

school. The Board discussed the reopening plan in detail with Ms. Taylor, including the orientation of some pages that made the materials difficult to read.

V. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Kinney asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and posted in compliance with open meeting laws. There being no changes noted, the following motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Baxter as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the July 31, 2020 Utah Connections Academy Board of Directors Special Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

Ms. Taylor provided the Board with an update on the timeline and progress toward the completion of a Charter Amendment for the school's new facility address.

Ms. Kinney reminded Board Members to complete their Conflict of Interest forms for the 2019-2020 School Year.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of School Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

Ms. Kinney reminded the Board of the earlier discussion regarding the School reopening plan and asked if there was any need for further discussion. The Board and Ms. Taylor discussed the formatting of the document and agreed those sections would be reformatted correctly and resent to the Board before final submission to USBE and online posting. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Phillips as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year, as discussed, is hereby approved, pending the reformatting and final distribution to the Board before final submission and posting.

VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of the Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. MT

Ms. Kinney noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. MT. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.