



**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)**

**Board Meeting**

**Date and Time:**

Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. ET

**Held at the following location (and via teleconference):**

Georgia Connections Academy  
2763 Meadow Church Road, Suite 208  
Duluth, GA 30097

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.

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**BOARD AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – A. Hug
- II. Roll Call – A. Hug
- III. Public Comment – A. Hug

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 leader 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.

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- IV. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – A. Hug
  
- V. Oral Reports
  - a. Principal's Report (MSR) – H. Robinson
    - i. Back to School Activities, Staffing and Training Update
    - ii. Enrollment Update
    - iii. Withdrawal Analysis for the 2013-2014 School Year (to follow)
    - iv. Media Clips and Marketing (attached)
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – S. Julal/S. Soltz
    - i. Unaudited 2013-2014 Financial Results
  
- VI. Board Strategic Development
  - a. Public School Options Meeting in Washington, DC – A. Hug
  - b. EMO Evaluation – A. Hug/S. Julal
  - c. Update on Attendance at National Charter School Conference – A. Hug
  
- VII. Consent Items
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the July 24, 2014 Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
  - c. Approval of 2014-2015 Base Salaries and Incentive Percentage, Career Ladder Positions and Home-Worker Stipends (attached)
  - d. Approved of Revision(s) to the 2014-2015 School Year State Specific Handbook: Attendance (attached)
  - e. Approval of Professional Development Plan for the 2014-2015 School Year (attached)
  - f. Approval of Board Designee on Connections Education Curriculum Advisory Panel
  
- VIII. Action Items
  - a. Approval of Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoice for June (attached) – S. Julal
  - b. Approval of School Goals for the 2014-2015 School Year (attached) – H. Robinson
  - c. Approval of Board Training and Conference Attendance for the 2014-2015 School Year – H. Woodward
  - d. Approval of Strategic Plan (to follow) – H. Robinson
  - e. Approval of Transcript Fee Policy (attached) – H. Robinson
  
- IX. Information Items
  - a. State Relations Update – J. Ragley
  - b. Update on Conflict of Interest Statements and Background Checks – H. Woodward
  
- X. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – September 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.