



**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)**

**Board Meeting**

**Date and Time:**

Thursday, April 23, 2015 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. Mission Statement – A. Hug

The mission of Georgia Connections Academy is to exemplify a collaborative virtual school where our students meet high expectations through mastery of challenging academic material in preparation for successful college and career experiences.

- IV. 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.

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

- V. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board
  - a. Review and Consideration of Audit Firm Engagement for the 2014-2015 School Year Financial Audit (to follow) – S. Julal
  
- VI. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – A. Hug
  
- VII. Oral Reports
  - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – H. Robinson
    - i. Dashboard/ Media Clips and Marketing (to follow)
    - ii. State Testing Update
    - iii. Graduation Plans and End of Year Activities
    - iv. School Operations Metrics (attached)
    - v. SCSC Compliance Visit Update (to follow)
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – S. Julal/S. Soltz
  - c. School Leader Review Process Update – J. Brown/ R. Graver
  
- VIII. Board Strategic Development
  - a. EMO Evaluation (to follow) – A. Hug/S. Julal
  - b. Strategic Development Training Update – A. Hug
  
- IX. Consent Items
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the February 19, 2015 Board Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Minutes from the March 3, 2015 Special Board Meeting (attached)
  - c. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
  - d. Approval of School Calendar for the 2015-2016 School Year (attached)
  - e. Approval of Staff Compensation Plan for the 2015-2016 School Year (attached)
  - f. Approval of Employee Handbook Revision(s) (attached)
  - g. Approval of Curriculum for the 2015-2016 School Year (attached)
  - h. Approval of Federal Title Funding Plans for 2014-2015 School Year (attached)
  
- X. Action Items
  - a. Approval of Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoices for February and March (attached) – S. Julal
  
- XI. Information Items
  - a. State Relations Update (attached) – J. Ragley
  - b. Board Counsel Update – A. Hug
  - c. School Leadership Team Support Update – R. Graver
  - d. Board Planning for the 2015-2016 School Year – M. Arthur
    - i. Proposed Meeting Schedule (attached)
    - ii. Board Composition
  
- XII. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – May 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.