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**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, July 24, 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**

I. Call to Order

Ms. Hug called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The school location and phone line were open for the public to attend.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present at Roll Call: Alisa Hug, JoAnn Brown and Greg Mishkin (in person), Rich Thompson and Steve Julal (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Charlotte Collins;

Guests Present: Heather Robinson, School Principal (in person); Rachel Bailey, Shawn Soltz, Jay W. Ragley, Laura Karns and Heather Woodward, Connections staff (all via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hug asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes noted, Mr. Mishkin made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the July 24, 2014 Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Oral Reports

a. Principal's Report

Ms. Robinson reviewed the Monthly School Report with Board members.

i. Update on End of the Year Academic Performance (attached)

Ms. Robinson reviewed the school's End of Year Academic Performance report with the Board in detail.

[Ms. Brown joined the meeting via phone at 5:21 p.m.]

b. Financial Report

Mr. Soltz reviewed audit progress and timetable with the Board.

VI. Consent Items

Ms. Hug 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 items moved, a motion was made by Mr. Mishkin and seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the June 19, 2014 Meeting; and
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Board Strategic Development

a. Update on National Charter School Conference

The Board and Ms. Robinson discussed their recent attendance to the National Charter School Conference (NCSC) in Las Vegas, NV.

b. EMO Evaluation

The Board agreed to discuss the Education Management Organization (EMO) Evaluation at a future meeting to allow adequate time to analyze the report.

c. Update on Strategic Plan

Ms. Robinson provided the Board with the timetable for the upcoming strategic planning meetings.

VIII. Action Items

a. Approval of Out of State Employee Policy

Ms. Robinson presented the proposed Out of State Employee Policy to the Board after receiving Board Counsel's review and approval as requested at the previous Board meeting. The Board discussed the policy's fiscal and personnel impact. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Out of State Employee Policy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Transcript Fee Policy

Ms. Robinson reviewed the Transcript Fee Policy as provided to the Board in the meeting materials. The Board discussed the policy's fiscal and personnel impact. The Board requested additional information concerning the policy.

This item was tabled.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date - August 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. ET via teleconference. A motion was made by Mr. Mishkin and seconded by Mr. Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.