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**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 12:00 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 12:06 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, Steve Julal, Rich Thompson and Greg Mishkin (via phone);

Board Members Absent: JoAnn Brown and Charlotte Collins;

Guests Present: Heather Robinson, School Principal; Jay W. Ragley, Connections staff (in person); Rachel Graver and Kristin DeGroff, Connections staff (via phone).

III. Mission Statement

Ms. Hug read the school's Mission Statement to begin the meeting.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments made at this time.

V. 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 March 3, 2015 Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-3 – to discuss records made exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18

A motion was made by Mr. Mishkin and seconded by Mr. Julal, to enter into Executive Session at 12:08 p.m. via a roll call vote of the Board pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-3 – to discuss records made exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18.

Board members in attendance were Alisa Hug, Greg Mishkin, Rich Thompson and Steve Julal. Guest(s) in attendance at the request of the Board were: Heather Robinson, Rachel Graver, Jay W. Ragley and Kristin DeGross. All other attendees left the meeting at this time.

[Mr. Ragley and Ms. Graver left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.]

After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session at 12:37 p.m. via a roll call vote, motioned by Mr. Mishkin and seconded by Mr. Julal.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

[Mr. Ragley and Ms. Graver re-joined the meeting at 12: 37 p.m.]

VII. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Executive Session

Ms. Hug reminded the Board of the discussion held during Executive Session. Board members had discussion on the potential denial of Connections' request for a letter of recommendation. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mishkin and seconded by Mr. Thompson as follows:

RESOLVED, to deny the requested letter of recommendation for Connections Education, as discussed, is hereby approved;

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – April 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. ET via teleconference. A motion was made by Mr. Mishkin and seconded by Mr. Julal to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.