



**NEVADA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY (NCA)
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, notice is hereby given to the members of the NCA Board and the general public that the NCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Tuesday May 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. PT

Held at the following locations:

Nevada Connections Academy
5690 Riggins Ct, Suite B
Reno, NV 89502

And via teleconference:

800-504-8071; 184-9889#

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.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Jerry Krummel at (775) 826-4200. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – J. Castle
- II. Roll Call – J. Castle
- III. Public Comment:

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 Principal 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

- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Castle

- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Krummel
 - i. State Testing Review
 - ii. Graduation Plans
 - iii. End of Year Activities
 - b. Assistant Principal Recruitment – S. Stagner
 - c. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the April 20, 2010 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of to the State Specific School Handbook for the 2009-2010 School Year and the 2010-2011 School Year: Graduation Requirements (attached)
 - d. Approval of Rate for DimensionM Curriculum
 - e. Approval of Rate for Fast ForWord Curriculum

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of CA Invoice for April (attached) – K. Mitchell
 - b. Hearing on Tentative Budget prepared in accordance with NAC 386.370 and Submitted to the Department of Education and Adoption of the Final Budget for 2010-2011 School Year (attached) – T. Ochs
 - c. Approval of Fee Schedule for the 2010-2011 School Year (attached) – T. Ochs
 - d. Approval of Board Designee to Work with CA and School to Secure a Facility Lease (attached) – J. Krummel
 - e. Approval of Facility Build Out Expenditure (attached) – J. Krummel

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative and Department Non-Regulatory Guidance Update – C. Butz
 - b. Results of Parent Satisfaction Survey (attached) – J. Krummel
 - c. Update on NVDOE Offered Training – H. Woodward
 - d. Board Planning for the 2010-2011 School Year - H. Woodward
 - i. Proposed Meeting Schedule (attached)
 - ii. Board Composition (attached)

- IX. Confirmation of Annual Meeting and Adjournment – June 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. PT.

Notices of this meeting have been appropriately posted as required by the Nevada Open Meeting Law N.R.S 241.020(2) on or before 9:00 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

- (1) Lionel Sawyer & Collins, 1100 Bank of America Plaza, 50 West Liberty Street, Reno, NV 89501
- (2) Nevada Connections Academy, 5690 Riggins Court, Suite B, Reno, NV 89502
- (3) Downtown Reno Library, 301 S Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
- (4) Save Mart, 195 W Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509
- (5) Washoe County Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV 89501

Further in compliance with NRS 241.020, this Agenda has been posted on the official website for the Nevada Connections Academy, www.connectionsacademy.com

CONSENT ITEMS

The Chair will ask members what items, if any, they want removed from the consent agenda for discussion. If any member asks that an item be moved, it will be moved to the Action Items. After any items have been removed, the Chair will read out the remaining consent items and ask for their adoption in one motion if there is no objection.

a. Approval of Minutes from the April 20, 2010 Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

b. Approval of Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that are recommended for hire. The staffing report includes each candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any promotions, for Board review and approval.

c. Approval of Revision to the State Specific School Handbook for the 2009-2010 School Year and the 2010-2011 School Year: Graduation Requirements (attached)

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials is a memo reflecting necessary changes to the State Specific School Handbook based on recent Nevada Department of Education changes to the state's graduation requirements. Board review and approval of the changes to the Handbook is requested.

d. Approval of Rate for DimensionM Curriculum

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: At a prior meeting, the Board authorized an expenditure up to \$40,000 to provide certain students with access to two supplemental curriculum offerings from Connections Academy of Nevada: DimensionM math game and Scientific Learning's FastForWord curriculum. During the discussion of this action item, Mr. Krummel mentioned the charge would be \$25,000 for DimensionM and \$50 per user per month for FastForWord. Due to some challenges at the outset with DimensionM, Mr. Ochs would like to propose a reduced charge of \$15,000 for the 2009-2010 school year. He is requesting Board approval of this rate.

e. Approval of Rate for Fast ForWord Curriculum

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: At a prior meeting, the Board authorized an expenditure up to \$40,000 to provide certain students with access to two supplemental curriculum offerings from Connections Academy of Nevada: DimensionM math game and Scientific Learning's Fast ForWord curriculum. During the discussion of this action item, Mr. Krummel mentioned the charge would be \$25,000 for DimensionM and \$50 per user per month for Fast ForWord. Since the minutes were not as clear as would be desirable on this rate, Mr. Ochs would like the Board to explicitly approve a rate of \$50 per user per month for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada Invoice for April

PRESENTER: Kirsten Mitchell

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Mitchell will review the invoice for the month derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoice and authorization to make payment based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Hearing on Tentative Budget prepared in accordance with NAC 386.370 and Submitted to the Department of Education and Adoption of the Final Budget for 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will provide a detailed review of the budget for the 2010-2011 school year that was compiled with the Board designee in accordance with NAC 386.370 and submitted to the Department of Education as required, and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval of the Fee Schedule for the 2010-2011 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will review the fee schedule for the 2010-2011 school year with the Board that is derived directly from the budget for the 2010-2011 school year, and will seek Board approval thereof.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

d. Approval of Board Designee to Work with CA and School to Secure a Facility Lease

PRESENTER: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Krummel will review the proposed facility and terms of the lease for the school's location with the Board and seek Board approval of a Board designee to work with the school leader and CA to finalize and execute the lease in substantially the same form as the terms included in the Board materials.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

e. Approval of Facility Build Out Expenditure

PRESENTER: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Krummel will review the school's desire build out of the proposed school facilities and will seek Board approval of the projected expenditure.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____