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**North Carolina Connections Academy
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY MEETING**

Friday, June 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Held at the following location and via teleconference:

2700 Meridian Parkway, Suite 300
Durham, NC 27713

I. Call to Order

Ms. Loveless called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The meeting location was open for the public to attend.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Joyce Loveless and Bridget Phifer (in person); Kristin Cuilla, Catherine Edmonds, Eric Strother and Donna Sullivan (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Bryan Setser;

Guests Present: Nathan Currie, School leader; Jay W. Ragley, Connections staff (all in person); David Schmidt, Vality Consulting; David Hostetler, Board Counsel; Heather Woodward, Connections staff (all via phone).

III. Acceptance of Board Member Resignation: Bryan Setser

Ms. Loveless reviewed Dr. Setser's resignation with the Board. The Board expressed their thanks and gratitude for Dr. Setser's service on the Board. There being no further discussion, Dr. Sullivan made a motion and it was seconded by Ms. Edmonds as follows:

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of the resignation of Board member, Bryan Setser, effective immediately and subject to all necessary notifications to the North Carolina Department of Education, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed with four (4) affirmative votes from Ms. Loveless, Dr. Sullivan, Ms. Phifer and Ms. Edmonds and one (1) abstention from Ms. Cuilla.

IV. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

V. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lovless asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. At the request of the Board (VII) Closed Session was moved up on the Agenda. There being no further changes noted, Dr. Sullivan made a motion and it was seconded by Ms. Phifer as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 23, 2017 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Connections Academy, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. § 143-318.11(a)(3) – To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:11 a.m., pursuant to North Carolina General § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Board members in attendance to begin the session were: Joyce Loveless, Eric Strother, Bridget Phifer, Kristin Cuilla, Catherine Edmonds and Donna Sullivan. Guests invited by the Board to attend were: David Hostetler and Nathan Currie. All others left the meeting at this time.

The Board ended Closed Session and entered into open session at 10:30 a.m. upon a motion being made by Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Phifer and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present. No action was taken during Closed Session.

[Ms. Woodward rejoined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.]

VI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Officers for the 2017-2018 School Year

This item was tabled.

- b. Approval of Board Subcommittees

The Board discussed their desire to establish an Executive Subcommittee. The Board members discussed the best candidate(s) to act on the Executive Subcommittee and nominated Ms. Joyce Loveless, Ms. Kristin Cuilla and Ms. Bridget Phifer. The nominees confirmed their desire to serve in this capacity. There being no further discussion, Dr. Sullivan made a motion and it was seconded by Dr. Strother as follows:

RESOLVED, that Joyce Loveless, Kristin Cuilla and Bridget Phifer are appointed to the Executive Subcommittee of the Board, as discussed, are hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- a. § 143-318.11(a)(3) – To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged

This item was reviewed earlier in the meeting.

VIII. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Closed Session

No action was taken at this time.

IX. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. upon a motion made by Ms. Loveless, seconded by Ms. Phifer and carried unanimously by all Board members present.