



**APPROVED 08/24/2017**

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

Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**Held at the following location and via teleconference:**

2700 Meridian Parkway, Suite 300  
Durham, NC 27713

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**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Phifer called the meeting to order at 9:01 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: Bridget Phifer, Donna Sullivan and Kristin Cuilla (via phone);

Board Members Joined During Meeting: Eric Strother and Catherine Edmonds (via phone);

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

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments at this time.

**IV. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Phifer asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes noted, a motion was made by Dr. Cuilla and seconded by Dr. Sullivan as follows:

[Dr. Strother and Mr. Hostetler joined at 9:02 a.m.]

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the July 13, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Oral Reports

### a. School Leader's Report

#### i. Testing Update

Mr. Currie advised the Board that the preliminary testing data received was positive and that he would provide an update at a future meeting when all data is finalized.

#### ii. Staffing Update

Mr. Currie provided the Board with an update on changes to staff composition for the school year based on enrollment.

## VI. 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

b. § 143-618.11(a)(6) – To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:05 a.m., upon a motion being made by Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Strother and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present 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 and pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143.618.11(a)(6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Board members in attendance to begin the session were: Bridget Phifer, Eric Strother, Donna Sullivan and Kristin Cuilla. Guests invited by the Board to attend were: David Hostetler, David Schmidt and Nathan Currie. All others left the meeting at this time.

[Ms. Edmonds joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.]

[Dr. Cuilla left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.]

The Board ended Closed Session and entered into open session at 11:11 a.m. upon a motion being made by Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Strother and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present. No action was taken during Closed Session.

[Dr. Sullivan and Mr. Schmidt left the meeting at 11:11 a.m.]

[Mr. Ragley, Ms. Woodward and Ms. Coleman rejoined the meeting at 11:11 a.m.]

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

Approval of School Leader to Provide Detailed Special Education, School Administration and Human Resources Reports to the Board

Ms. Phifer reminded the Board of the discussion held in Closed Session. Upon advice of Board Counsel, Dr. Strother made a motion and it was seconded by Ms. Phifer as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School Leader to Provide Detailed Special Education, School Administration and Human Resources Reports to the Board, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Staffing Changes as Proposed by the School Leader

Ms. Phifer reminded the Board of the discussion held in Closed Session. Upon advice of Board Counsel, Dr. Strother made a motion and it was seconded by Ms. Phifer as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Staffing Changes proposed by the School Leader, excluding one employee until final aforementioned reports are received, as discussed, are hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Action Items**

a. Approval of Executive Subcommittee Roles and Responsibilities

No action was taken at this time. This item was tabled.

**IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. upon a motion made by Dr. Strother, seconded by Ms. Phifer and carried unanimously by all Board members present. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.