



**APPROVED 4/27/2017**

North Carolina Connections Academy  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
Thursday, March 23, 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**

Dr. Setser 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. Review and Consideration of Potential Board Member**

Dr. Setser introduced potential Board member, Dr. Joyce Loveless, present to observe a Board meeting.

**III. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Bryan Setser and Bridget Phifer (in person); Eric Strother, Donna Sullivan and Kristin Cuilla (all via phone);

Board Members Joined During the Meeting: Catherine Edmonds (via phone);

Guests Present: Nathan Currie, School leader; Terry Cline, Department of Public Instruction; Joyce Loveless, Potential Board Member; David Schmidt, Vality Consulting (in person); David Hostetler, Board Counsel; Ted Ochs, Brenda Little, Karen Duquette, Heather Woodward and Laura Coleman, Connections staff (all via phone).

**IV. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

**V. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

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

[Ms. Edmonds and Mr. Hostetler arrived at 9:05 a.m.]

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

The motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Oral Reports

### a. Financial Report

Ms. Little reviewed the financial report included in the Board Meeting materials. She reviewed the changes in the financials and forecasted expenses from the previous month's statements, enrollment funding, projected fund balance and specific expenses

#### i. Current Year-End Financials

#### ii. Special Finance Presentation on Specific Expenses

#### iii. Year-End Financials Comparisons

#### iv. Recommendations

Ms. Little reviewed with the Board the Financial Forecast scenarios as included in the Board meeting materials, including the best and worst case ending balance depending upon various expenses. The Board discussed the potential to freeze certain contractual services with Connections for budgeting purposes. Mr. Ochs advised that Connections would like a list of which services they are considering before responding.

## VII. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Coaching Leadership and Evaluation Process - § 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
- b. § 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 9:36 a.m. upon a motion being made, seconded, and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §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 and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 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: Bryan Setser, Eric Strother, Donna Sullivan, Kristin Cuilla, Bridget Phifer and Catherine Edmonds. Guests invited by the Board to attend were: Terry Cline, David Hostetler, David Schmidt and Joyce Loveless. All others left the meeting at this time.

The Board ended Closed Session and entered into open session at 10:19 a.m. upon a motion being made, seconded, and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present. No action was taken during Closed Session.

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

No action was taken during Closed Session.

**IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.