



**APPROVED 10/19/11**

**GEORGIA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY**  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. ET  
Held at the following location (and via teleconference):  
Georgia Connections Academy  
2763 Meadow Church Road, Suite 208  
Duluth, GA 30097

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**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Hug called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 (in person), Steve Julal, Charlotte Collins, Greg Michell and Joy Berry (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Oney Temple;

Guests Present: Heather Robinson, School Principal (in person); Shawn Soltz, Peter Robertson, Barrie Drum and Megann Wisley, Connections Education Staff (via phone).

**III. 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, and no further discussion, Mr. Michell made the following motion and it was seconded by Dr. Berry as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the September 21, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Oral Reports**

a. Principal's Report

Ms. Robinson provided the Board with an update on recent school activities. She discussed events planned for staff and families; she advised the teachers' focus shift from start-up to instructional as the school staff get further into the school year.

- i. Update on Enrollment – Ms. Robinson reviewed recent enrollment numbers with the Board. She advised Board members on those students in the pre-enrollment stages of the process, as well. Board members discussed specific regions around the state where outreach efforts are being targeted.

b. Financial Report

Mr. Soltz reviewed the financial information contained in the Board materials, highlighting specific line items and answering Board members' questions. He reviewed the balance sheet, and the school's revenue and expense statements. Mr. Julal further advised Board members that he had reviewed all documentation with Mr. Soltz previous to the Board meeting, and that all statements appeared to be in order.

- i. Audit Firm Selection – Mr. Julal advised the Board that there was no update at this time.

**V. Consent Agenda**

Ms. Hug asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being none, Mr. Michell made the following motion and it was seconded by Dr. Berry as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the August 17, 2011 Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Legal Invoice(s);
- d. Approval of Revisions to the State Specific School Handbook: NCAA Eligibility and Bullying Policy;
- e. Approval of Payment of Georgia Charter Schools Association Additional Membership Fee;
- f. Approval for Board Members to Attend the Georgia Charter Conference; and
- g. Approval of Revised Compensation Plan for the 2011-2012 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Action Items**

a. Approval of the Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoices for July and August

Mr. Julal reviewed in detail the CA invoices for the months of July and August as drawn from the financial report presented earlier in the meeting and contained in the Board materials. He asked the Board members whether they had any questions on the invoices or required any further explanation. Mr. Julal further advised the Board that payments will be made to Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC based on the availability of funds. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Collins and seconded by Dr. Berry as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoice for the month of July, in the amount of \$90,371.27 and for the month of August, in the amount of \$352,763.69, is hereby approved for payment upon the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Board Governance and Administrative Policy Manual

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**VI. Information Items**

a. Legislative Update

Ms. Drum provided the Board with an update on recent legislative activities that may impact the school.

- i. Update on Implementation Grant Application Re-submission – Ms. Drum advised the Board that there was no update available on the grant re-submission by the time of the meeting, but there would be one by the October meeting of the Board.

b. Board Member Candidate(s) Update

Ms. Hug discussed the Board member candidate whose resume she had received and would be speaking with soon. She advised the Board that she would provide further updates at the next meeting.

c. Board Questionnaire Policy

Dr. Berry presented this item to the Board. She discussed a Board policy to give direction for Board member use of the potential Board member questionnaire. Board members discussed adopting a policy, and requested that Dr. Berry draft a sample Board questionnaire policy.

**VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Michell and seconded by Dr. Berry to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.