



Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)

Board Meeting

Date and Time:

Thursday, August 15, 2013 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

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.

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BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – A. Hug
- II. Roll Call – A. Hug
- III. Public Comment – A. Hug

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 leader 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 – A. Hug

- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR) – H. Robinson
 - i. Update on Back to School Activities, Staffing and Training
 - ii. Update on Enrollment
 - iii. Update on School Improvement Plan Goals and Action Plan
 - iv. Dashboard/ Media Clips and Marketing (attached)
 - v. Georgia's Withdrawal from PARCC (attached)
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – S. Julal/S. Soltz
 - i. Letter to the Georgia Charter School Commission Regarding School Funding (attached)
 - ii. Unaudited 2012-2013 Financial Results

- VI. Board Strategic Development
 - a. Board Recruitment – A. Hug
 - b. EMO Evaluation – S. Julal

- VII. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the June 8, 2013 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Minutes from the June 26, 2013 Meeting (attached)
 - c. Approval of Minutes from the June 30, 2013 Meeting (attached)
 - d. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - e. Approval of 2013-2014 Base Salaries and Incentive Percentage, Career Ladder Positions and Home-Worker Stipends (attached)
 - f. Confirmation of Board Designee on Connections Education Curriculum Advisory Panel
 - g. Approval of Revision to the 2013-2014 State Specific School Handbook: Federal Programs Complaint Policy (attached)
 - h. Approval of Revision to the 2013-2014 State Specific School Handbook: School wide Attendance and Truancy Policy (attached)

- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoice for June (attached) – S. Julal
 - b. Approval of School Goals for 2013-2014 School Year (to follow) – H. Robinson
 - c. Approval of Additional Administrative Staff Positions – H. Robinson
 - d. Approval of Professional Development Plan for the 2013-2014 School Year (to follow) – R. Bailey
 - e. Approval of Board Training and Conference Attendance for the 2013-2014 School Year – H. Woodward

- IX. Information Items
 - a. State Relations Update – P. Laystrom
 - b. Update on National Charter School Conference – A. Hug
 - c. Public School Options Meeting in Washington, DC – A. Hug
 - d. Georgia Families for Virtual Public Education – A. Hug

- X. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – September 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.