



APPROVED 4/20/2017

Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. ET

Held at the following location and via teleconference:
Georgia Connections Academy
2763 Meadow Church Road, Suite 208
Duluth, GA 30097

I. Call to Order

Ms. Hug called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.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, Steve Julal and Rich Thompson (via phone);

Board Members Joined During Meeting: JoAnn Brown (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Charlotte Collins;

Guests Present: Heather Robinson, School Principal (in person); Allison Reaves, Karen Duquette, Shon Hocker, Laura Coleman and Megann Arthur, Connections staff (all via phone).

III. Mission Statement

At the request of the Board, Ms. Hug read the school's Mission Statement to begin the meeting.

IV. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

V. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hug asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. The Board requested the addition of an Action Item to consider Board Conference Attendance to the National Charter Schools Conference (NCSC). There being no further changes noted, Mr. Thompson made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Julal as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the March 8, 2017 Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Information Items

a. Update on SCSC Meeting

Ms. Hug and Ms. Duquette provided the Board with an update on the recent meeting with the Georgia State Charter Schools Commission (SCSC). They reviewed the potential remedy options proposed by the SCSC, including the School's ability to file as another designation such as a State Special School. The Board discussed the options in detail and desire to revisit during the upcoming Strategic Planning Session.

b. Update on Strategic Planning Session

Ms. Arthur provided the Board with an update on the planning for the upcoming Strategic Planning Session. The Board discussed their availability and desire for the SCSC to also attend. Based upon responses of Board members' availability and the SCSC's previously stated availability, the Board agreed to schedule the Strategic Planning Session for Wednesday, April 5th at a location to be determined. Ms. Hug and Ms. Arthur advised that they will communicate further details to the Board via email.

Action Items

Approval of Board Conference Attendance to the National Charter School Conference

Ms. Hug reviewed the upcoming National Charter School Conference that has been identified of interest to members of the Board. The Board discussed the remaining board training and activity budget and advantages of sending Board members to the conference opportunity. There being no further discussion, Mr. Julal made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Thompson as follows:

[Ms. Brown joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.]

RESOLVED, that up to two (2) Board members attend the 2017 National Charter School Conference and reimbursing expenses for Board members incurred in attending, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment and Next Regular Meeting Date

Ms. Hug noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda. There being no further business to discuss, the next regular meeting and Strategic Planning Session was confirmed for April 5, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m. following a motion made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Julal. Without a quorum of the Board present, Ms. Hug, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Duquette provided Ms. Brown with an update on the SCSC Meeting. Ms. Arthur and Ms. Coleman were also present. All others left the meeting at this time.