



Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)

Board Meeting

Date and Time:

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5:00 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 – R. Thompson
- II. Roll Call – R. Thompson
- III. Mission Statement – R. Thompson

The mission of Georgia Connections Academy is to exemplify a collaborative virtual school where our students meet high expectations through mastery of challenging academic material in preparation for successful college and career experiences.

- IV. Public Comment – R. Thompson

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 "Our School Board" page at www.connectionsacademy.com

- V. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – R. Thompson

- VI. Oral Reports
 - a. School Leader's Report (MSR attached) – H. Robinson
 - i. Data Dashboard/ Strategic Plan Update (to follow)
 - ii. Graduation Cohort Rate Update
 - iii. Semi-Annual SCSC Site Visit
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – S. Julal/ T. Lee
 - i. Audit Progress and Filing Deadline Update

- VII. Board Strategic Development
 - a. College and Career Academy (CCA) Proposal Update (attached) – H. Robinson/ K. Duquette
 - b. EMO Evaluation Update – S. Julal

- VIII. Consent Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the August 16, 2018 Board Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of Connections Academy of Georgia, LLC Invoices for July and August (attached)
 - d. Approval of Revision(s) to the Employee Handbook: Student and Family Communications Policy (attached)
 - e. Approval of Revision(s) to the 2018-2019 School Year State Specific School Handbook: Changing Attendance to Escalation (attached)

- IX. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Closing Enrollment on September 20, 2018 for the 2018-2019 School Year – H. Robinson/ K. Duquette
 - b. Approval of Board Training and Conference Attendance for the 2018-2019 School Year – M. Arthur
 - c. Approval of Board Designee for Annual School Handbook Review – M. Arthur

- X. Information Items
 - a. State and Strategic Client Relations (SSCR) Update – K. Duquette
 - b. School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update – B. Rosta
 - i. State of the School, School Improvement Planning and Focus Goals
 - c. Overview of 2018-2019 Items for Board Consideration (attached) – M. Arthur

- XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – Thursday, October 18, 2018