



APPROVED 05/29/2019

**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**
Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. ET

Held at the following location:
325 Edgewood Ave SE
Atlanta, GA 30312

I. Call to Order

As Mr. Thompson was in route to the meeting location in person and dialing into the meeting, Mr. Julal called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m. when all participants were present. The meeting location was open for the public to attend.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present at Roll Call: Steve Julal and Susanne Watts (in person), and Rich Thompson (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Tiarra Felix and JoAnn Brown;

Guests Present: Heather Robinson, School Leader; Brazilla Page and Terrence Martin, Executive Director Candidates (in person); Allison Solesby and Megann Arthur, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) staff (via phone).

III. Mission Statement

Mr. Julal 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

Mr. Thompson asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes noted, a motion was made by Ms. Watts and seconded by Mr. Thompson as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the May 9, 2019 Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Summary of Meeting Objectives and Introduction of Participants

Ms. Robinson reminded the Board members of the School Executive Director candidates' resumes that had been circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. She and Ms. Solesby briefly reviewed the anticipated order of events and objectives of the meeting, as well as the participants expected to be present.

[Mr. Thompson and Ms. Page joined the meeting in person at 5:27 p.m., and Mr. Thompson assumed chairing the meeting]

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-3 – to discuss the employment, compensation or periodic evaluation of an employee

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. upon a motion made by Mr. Julal, seconded by Ms. Watts and confirmed via a roll call vote of the Board pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-3 – to discuss the employment, compensation or periodic evaluation of an employee. Board members in attendance were: Rich Thompson, Susanne Watts and Steve Julal. Guests in attendance at the request of the Board were: Heather Robinson, Allison Reaves, Megann Arthur and Brazilla Page. All others left the meeting at this time.

[Ms. Page left the meeting at 5:55 p.m., at which time the Board took a brief recess]

[The Board resumed the meeting in Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.; Mr. Martin joined the meeting in person at this time]

[Mr. Martin left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.]

After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session via roll call vote motioned by Ms. Watts and seconded by Mr. Julal 7:06 p.m. and confirmed via roll call of all Board members present. No action was taken during Executive Session.

VIII. Review and Consideration of Action(s) Necessary Based on Executive Session

Mr. Thompson reminded the Board of the interviews held for the School Executive Director position, as well as discussion of each candidates' merits during Executive Session. Board members further expressed their preference to have Ms. Robinson work with the Board and POBL to finalize the hiring for the Executive Director. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Julal and seconded by Ms. Watts as follows:

RESOLVED, that Ms. Heather Robinson to act as Board Designee to work with POBL to finalize the Hiring of Brazilla Page as School Executive Director, with the authority to negotiate up to 8% above the recommended salary, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – Thursday, May 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. ET

Mr. Thompson noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. The next regular meeting is to be held on Thursday, May 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.