



**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)  
Board Meeting and Strategic Planning**

**Date and Time:**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. ET

**Held at the following location:**

Georgia Connections Academy  
2763 Meadow Church Road, Suite 208  
Duluth, GA 30097

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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 – S. Julal
- II. Roll Call – S. Julal
- III. Mission Statement – S. Julal

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. Board Strategic Development (attached)
  - a. Current Strategic Plan Overview
  - b. Charter Renewal Preparation / Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF)
  - c. Work Session on Strategic Plan Initiatives and Updates
  - d. Goal Setting for the 2021-2022 School Year
- V. Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Proposed Annual Budget (attached) – R. Mustakeem/ G. Corkran
- VI. Public Comment – S. Julal

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 ten (10) 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](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

- VII. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board
  - a. Approval of Audit Firm Engagement for the 2020-2021 School Year Annual Financial Audit (to follow) – R. Mustakeem/ G. Corkran
- VIII. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – S. Julal
- IX. Oral Reports
  - a. School Leader's Report (MSR attached) – B. Bilal-Page
    - i. Data Dashboard (attached)
    - ii. Graduation Plans and End of Year Activities
    - iii. State Testing Update
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – R. Mustakeem/ G. Corkran
  - c. Pearson Products, Services and Initiatives Update (attached) – K. Duquette
- X. Consent Items
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the March 18, 2021 Board Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of OBL Invoices for April (attached)
  - c. Approval of Revision(s) to Employee Handbook: Incentive Compensation Language (attached)
  - d. Approval of Revision(s) to the 2021-2022 School Year State Specific School Handbook: Multiple Updates (attached)
  - e. Approval of Board President as Board Designee to Approve Summer Staffing Decisions for the 2021- 2022 School Year
  - f. Ratification of 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Lease (to follow)
- XI. Action Items
  - a. Review and Approval of Staffing Report (attached) – B. Bilal-Page
- XII. Information Items
  - a. Results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey (attached) – B. Bilal-Page
  - b. State Account Relations (STAR) Update – K. Duquette
  - c. School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update – M. Brown
    - i. School Operations Metrics (attached)
    - ii. Planning for School Leader Performance Review
  - d. Board Relations Updates
    - i. SCSC Required Training Update
    - ii. Nondiscrimination Statement for Handbooks (attached)
    - iii. Board Planning for the 2021-2022 School Year
      - Board Composition
      - Proposed Meetings Schedule
- XIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Annual Meeting Date – Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference