



**Georgia Connections Academy (GACA)**

**Board Meeting**

**Date and Time:**

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ET

**Held at the following location:**

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

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**1(800) 747-5150; Code 160-9140#**

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. 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 "Governance" page at [www.connectionsacademy.com](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

- V. Audit Committee, Committee of the Entire Board
  - a. Approval of the 2020-2021 Annual Financial Audit Report (to follow) – R. Mustakeem/ G. Corkran
  
- VI. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – S. Julal
  
- VII. Oral Reports
  - a. School Leader's Report (MSR attached) – B. Bilal-Page
    - i. Data Dashboard/ Strategic Plan Update (attached)
    - ii. Back to School Activities, Staffing and Training Update
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – R. Mustakeem/ G. Corkran
  
- VIII. Board Strategic Development
  - a. SCSC Required Training Planning – M. Arthur
  
- IX. Consent Items
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the June 17, 2021 Annual Board Meeting (to follow)
  - b. Approval of Pearson Invoices for August (attached)
  - c. Approval of Board President or Treasurer as Board Designee(s) to Approve Pearson September Invoice(s)
  - d. Approval of 2021- 2022 Base Salaries and Career Ladder Positions (attached)
  - e. Approval of Federal Title Funding Documentation for the 2021-2022 School Year: Homeless Education Policy Updates (attached)
  - f. Approval of Renewal Contract with WiserEd for Substitute Teaching Services (attached)
  - g. Approval of Cross & Dot Contract for LKES Review Consulting Services (to follow)
  - h. Approval of Closing Enrollment for Grades 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12 on September 19, 2021 and February 20, 2022 for Grades 6, 7 and 10
  
- X. Action Items
  - a. Review and Approval of Staffing Report (attached) – B. Bilal-Page
  - b. Approval of RISE Scholarship and Associated Fiscal Controls Policy Updates (attached) – B. Bilal-Page/ M. Sharett
  
- XI. Information Items
  - a. School Success Partner (SSP) Update – A. Solesby
    - i. Pearson Support Team Update(s)
    - ii. Key School Metrics (attached)
    - iii. Teacher Professional Development Products and Services for the 2021-2022 School Year (attached)
  - b. Board Relations Update – M. Arthur
    - i. School Handbook Language re Technology (attached)

XII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.