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**NEVADA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY (NCA)
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. PT

Held at the following location and via teleconference:

Nevada Connections Academy
555 Double Eagle Court, Suite 2000
Reno, NV 89521

I. Call to Order

Dr. Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The school was open for the public to attend the meeting.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Scott Harrington, Amy Cook, Kelly McGlynn, Mindi Dagerman, Naima Benjelloun, Morgan Jackson and Kevin Arnold (via phone);

Guests Present: Chris McBride, School Leader (in person); Brian Rosta, Jay W. Ragley, Tracey Gianoni and Laura Coleman, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) staff (via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Harrington asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes noted, Ms. Benjelloun made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Arnold as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the March 5, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Connections Academy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Oral Reports

a. School Leader's Report

Dr. McBride provided the Board with an update on recent school activities, including Legislative Day and productive meetings with legislators.

i. State Testing Update

Dr. McBride reviewed with the Board the upcoming state testing and preparations by school staff members. The Board discussed efforts to ensure strong state testing participation in detail with Dr. McBride.

ii. Enrollment Opening for 2019-2020 School Year Update

Dr. McBride advised the Board that enrollment opened for the 2019-2020 school year on March 4, 2019. He further advised that the date allows for the best enrollment experience for families at the school. Board members were supportive of the enrollment start date.

Additionally, Dr. McBride reviewed the Monthly School Report (MSR) and attendance with the Board.

b. Financial Report

Ms. Gianoni reviewed the financial materials included in the Board materials. She reviewed the changes in the financial and forecasted expenses since the last meeting's statements in detail. She further reviewed the balance sheet and the school's revenue statements with the Board.

i. Cash Deposits Update

Ms. Gianoni reviewed with the Board the cash deposits to date for the current school year, as included in the meeting materials.

VI. Consent Agenda

Dr. Harrington asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no changes, Dr. Cook made the following motion and it was seconded by Ms. Benjelloun as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the January 15, 2019 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report;
- c. Approval of Connections Education Invoice for January;
- d. Approval of LiveSpeech Invoice(s);
- e. Approval of Revised Staff Compensation Plan for the 2018-2019 School Year; and
- f. Approval of School-Funded Summer School Scholarship Offering; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Action Items

a. Approval of Revised Funded Enrollment Target for the 2019-2020 School Year

Mr. Ragley reviewed the revised funded enrollment target for the 2019-2020 school year of 3,277 students and sought Board input in regards to the number. He further reviewed the background to the proposed revision, and advised why it was thought to be a better target to set for the upcoming school year based on anticipated growth, staffing and budget. There being no further discussion, Mr. Arnold made the following motion and it was seconded by Dr. Cook as follows:

RESOLVED, that the revised funded enrollment target for the 2019-2020 school year, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Out of State Field Trip: California

Dr. McBride presented the out of state field trip proposal to the Board. He further reviewed the legal liability precautions taken to ensure the safety of the students. There being no further discussion, Dr. Cook made the following motion and it was seconded by Mr. Arnold as follows:

RESOLVED, that the out of state field trip to California, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Information Items

a. Budget Development Process Update

Mr. Ragley reviewed the 2019-2020 budget development process with the Board, specifically benefits and direct course fees. The Board discussed direct course options in detail with Dr. McBride and Dr. Rosta.

X. Public Comment (as detailed previously in agenda)

Dr. Harrington provided the Board with an update on a recent article, which may impact charter schools. Dr. Harrington further provided the Board with an update on the continued search for a new Board member.

XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting and Training – Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. PT

Dr. Harrington noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. There being no further business, Ms. Benjelloun made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cook and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.