



**NEVADA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY (NCA)
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, notice is hereby given to the members of the NCA Board and the general public that the NCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:

Tuesday May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. PT

Held at the following locations:

Nevada Connections Academy
5690 Riggins Ct, Suite B
Reno, NV 89502

And via teleconference:

800-504-8071; 184-9889#

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.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Jerry Krummel at (775) 826-4200. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

BOARD AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – J. Castle
- II. Roll Call – J. Castle
- III. Public Comments and Discussion. Public comment may be limited to ten minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Action may not be taken on matters considered during this period until specifically included on the agenda as an action item.
- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Castle
- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Krummel
 - i. Highly Qualified Report
 - ii. Graduation Update (attached)
 - iii. Update on State Testing
 - iv. CA Leadership Visit
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs
 - i. Audited Count Day Results

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2009 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of the Renewal of the School's Membership in National Association of Secondary School Principals (attached)
 - c. Approval of the Renewal of the School's Membership in the Charter Schools Association of Nevada (attached)
 - d. Approval of Renewal of Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Insurance (attached)
 - e. Approval of Revisions to the School Employee Handbook (attached)
 - f. Approval Authorizing Board Counsel Review of the Board Governance and Administrative Policy Manual

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Consideration and Approval of the Connections Academy of Nevada Invoice for April (attached) – J. Castle
 - b. Hearing on Tentative Budget prepared in accordance with NAC 386.370 and Submitted to the Department of Education and Adoption of the Final Budget for 2009-2010 School Year (attached) – T. Ochs

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – C. Butz
 - b. Update on Evaluation of Connections Academy of Nevada, LLC – J. Castle

- IX. Confirmation of Annual Meeting and Adjournment – June 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. PT.

Notices of this meeting have been appropriately posted as required by the Nevada Open Meeting Law N.R.S 241.020(2) on or before 9:00 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

- (1) Lionel Sawyer & Collins, 1100 Bank of America Plaza, 50 West Liberty Street, Reno, NV 89501
- (2) Nevada Connections Academy, 5690 Riggins Court, Suite B, Reno, NV 89502
- (3) Downtown Reno Library, 301 S Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
- (4) Save Mart, 195 W Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509
- (5) Washoe County Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV 89501

Further in compliance with NRS 241.020, this Agenda has been posted on the official website for the Nevada Connections Academy, www.connectionsacademy.com

Copies of the tentative budget are on file and available for public inspection at the Nevada Department of Education and Nevada Connections Academy. If you would like to request a copy of the tentative budget, please contact Jerry Krummel at (775) 826-4200.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Chair will ask members what items, if any, they want removed from the consent agenda for discussion. If any member asks that an item be moved, it will be moved to the Action Items. After any items have been removed, the Chair will read out the remaining consent items and ask for their adoption in one motion if there is no objection.

a. Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2009 Meeting

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors are being presented for approval.

b. Approval of the Renewal of the School's Membership in the National Association of Secondary School Principals

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school's renewal for membership in NASSP is included in the Board materials for the Board's review and consideration. The cost of renewing the membership is \$226 and Board approval of the expenditure is requested.

c. Approval of the Renewal of the School's Membership in the Charter Schools Association of Nevada

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The school's renewal for membership in the Charter Schools Association of Nevada is included in the Board materials for the Board's review and consideration. The cost of renewing the membership is \$1,500 and Board approval of the expenditure is requested.

d. Approval of Renewal of Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Insurance

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Attached in the Board package is the documentation of the terms for the renewal of D&O Insurance policy for the Board. The terms and conditions of this insurance coverage will not change from those in the D&O policy for the Board for the 2008-2009 school year. The cost of the premium for this D&O insurance coverage is obtained at a significant discount, due to the school's contractual relationship with CA through the Professional Services Agreement between the school and CA.

e. Approval of Revisions to the School Employee Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jerry Krummel

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The School Employee Handbook, with revisions redlined for Board review and consideration, is included in the Board package. We are seeking Board approval of the revised Handbook for dissemination to all school employees at the beginning of the next school year.

f. Approval of Authorizing Board Counsel Review of the Board Governance and Administrative Policy Manual

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Heather Woodward/Farah Esmail

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Standard Board governance policies have been developed and organized into a manual for Board review and consideration for approval. These ensure that the Board has set adequate policies for effective governance. This is a start of the Board creating a Policy Manual. The establishment and updating of the policies are based on the review of national corporate governance standards. These policies govern the Board operations, those in the School Handbook govern the school and the students, and those in the Employee Handbook govern the school staff. We are seeking Board approval to provide these to Board Counsel for review to ensure that these meet state laws.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Consideration and Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada Invoice for April

PRESENTER: Jamie Castle

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Castle will review the invoice for the month derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. She will request approval of the invoice and authorization to make payment based upon availability of funds.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

b. Hearing on Tentative Budget prepared in Accordance with NAC 386.370 and Submitted to the Department of Education and Adoption of the Final Budget for the 2009-2010 School Year

PRESENTER: Ted Ochs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ochs will provide a review of the final budget for the 2009-2010 school year that was compiled with the Board designee and will seek Board approval thereof, as well as submission of the budget in the state-approved format by Mr. Krummel by June 8, 2009.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____