



**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, February 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. PT

Held at the following locations:

Nevada Connections Academy
175 Salomon Circle, Suite 201
Sparks, NV 89434

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 Jennifer Dukek 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 Comment:

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 Principal 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 fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "About Us" page at www.connectionsacademy.com

- IV. Routine Business
 - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Castle

- V. Oral Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (MSR attached) – J. Dukek
 - i. Update on School Goals
 - ii. Update on Testing
 - b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs

- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2011 Meeting (attached)
 - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
 - c. Approval of the 2011-2012 School Year General School Handbook (attached)
 - d. Approval of the 2011-2012 School Year State Specific School Handbook (attached)
 - e. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook: Internet Safety (attached)
 - f. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year State Specific School Handbook: High School Graduation Requirements (attached)

- VII. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada Invoice for January (attached) – K. Mitchell
 - b. Approval of Graduation Plans and Expenditure (attached) – J. Dukek
 - c. Approval for Board Members to Attend the National Charter School Conference (attached) – H. Woodward

- VIII. Information Items
 - a. Legislative Update – D. Hutchison
 - b. Evaluation Update – J. Castle
 - c. NACSA Meeting – January 25 – J. Castle
 - d. Upcoming LiveLesson® Sessions (attached) – H. Woodward

- IX. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – March 15, 2011 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, 175 Salomon Circle, Suite 201, Sparks, NV 89434
- (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

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 January 18, 2011 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 Staffing Report

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jennifer Dukek

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: The staffing report as provided with the Board materials outlines the candidates that are recommended for hire. The staffing report includes each candidate's name, area for hire, compensation rate, bonus potential and start date. The Staffing Report also provides information on departing employees, the reasons for their departure, as well as any promotions, for Board review and approval.

c. Approval of the 2011-2012 School Year General School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jennifer Dukek

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the General School Handbook. The redlined version of the General School Handbook outlines the changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version last year. Last year's version had also been approved by all of CA partnering Boards. This version has been reviewed by the Board designee, school leader, and CA. In order to make sure the school is ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval at this meeting.

d. Approval of the 2011-2012 School Year State Specific School Handbook

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jennifer Dukek

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board is required to review and approve the State Specific School Handbook that sets out any state specific school policies that supplement the General School Handbook. The memo attached to the State Specific Handbook outlines all changes made to the document since the Board approved the previous version. The State Specific Handbook has been reviewed by the Board designee, school Principal/Director and CA staff. In order to make sure we are ready in time for the commencement of enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year, we are bringing the final version to the Board for formal approval.

e. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook: Internet Safety

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jennifer Dukek

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials for review and consideration is a revision to the school's Internet Safety policy. Board approval of the revised policy is requested.

f. Approval of the 2010-2011 School Year State Specific School Handbook: High School Graduation Requirements

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Jennifer Dukek

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Included in the Board materials for review and consideration is a revision to the school's High School Graduation Requirements= policy. Board approval of the revised policy is requested.

Motion:_____ **Second:**_____

Ayes:_____ **Nays:**_____

ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada Invoice for January

PRESENTER: Kirsten Mitchell

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Mitchell will review the invoice 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. Approval of Graduation Plans and Expenditure

PRESENTER: Jennifer Dukek

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Enclosed in the Board materials is an outline of the school's graduation plans and projected budget allocation for the event. Board review and approval is requested.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

c. Approval for Board Members to Attend the National Charter School Conference

PRESENTER: Heather Woodward

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration for Approval

BACKGROUND: Ms. Woodward will review this item with the Board. She will be recommending the Board authorize a certain number of Board members to attend the National Charter School Conference in June in Atlanta, GA and the Board approve reimbursing expenses for the Board members incurred in attending the Conference. Information on the Conference is included in the Board package.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____