



*The mission of New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA) is to help each 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade student, throughout the state of New Mexico who needs an alternative to the traditional classroom for a particular time period, maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through uniquely individualized learning programs, access to high quality NM-certified teachers, and high parental involvement.*

**New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA)  
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Pursuant to the New Mexico Open and Public Meeting Laws, notice is hereby given to the members of the NMCA Governing Council and the general public that the NMCA Governing Council will hold a meeting open to the public on:

**Date and Time:**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. MT

**Held via teleconference due to State Precautions regarding Public Health and Safety  
During COVID-19 Pandemic:**

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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.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Sandy Beery at (505) 428- 2150.

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – M. Boitano
- II. Routine Business – M. Boitano
  - a. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comment – M. Boitano
- IV. Oral Reports
  - a. School Leader's Report (MSR attached) – S. Beery
    - i. State of the School Report and 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan (attached)
    - ii. Update on Staffing
  - b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update – J. Dukek
    - i. School Operations Metrics (attached)
  - c. Financial Report (attached) – M. Vigil
    - i. Nusenda Banking Services Update – M. Vigil
    - ii. RFP Process Update – S. Beery
    - iii. Finance Committee Updates and Recommendations for Approval – J. Schalow
      - a. Approval of Connections Academy of New Mexico, LLC Invoice for September (attached)
      - b. Approval of Budget Adjustment Report (BAR) (attached)
        - i. NMCA\_BAR#554-000-2021-0004-D
        - ii. NMCA\_BAR#554-000-2021-0005-I
        - iii. NMCA\_BAR#554-000-2021-0006-M
        - iv. NMCA\_BAR#554-000-2021-0007-M

- V. 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. The minutes will reflect the full text of any resolutions that were adopted as part of the consent agenda.
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2020 Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Revision(s) to 2020-2021 School Year State Specific Handbook: Title IX Updates and Video Conferencing Services (attached)
  - c. Approval of Revision(s) to 2020-2021 School Year General School Handbook: Quick Check Assessments and Video Conferencing Services (attached)
  
- VI. Action Items
  
- VII. Information Items
  - a. Legislative Update – M. Boitano/B. Adams
    - i. STAR Service Spotlight: STAR and Board Relations: What We Do (attached)
  - b. Facility Update – M. Boitano/B. Adams
  - c. Governing Council Recruitment Update – M. Boitano
  - d. Governing Council Training Update – K. DeGroff
  
- VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. MT