



South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, notice is hereby given to the members of the SCCA Board and the general public that the SCCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

**Held at the following locations:**

220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403  
Columbia, SC 29210

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 Allison Reaves at 803-212-4712, Ext. 301. 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. Flora
- II. Roll Call – J. Flora
- 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](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

- IV. Board Member Candidate Interviews (attached) – J. Flora
- V. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Flora

- VI. Oral Reports
  - a. Principal's Report (MSR and Principal's Report attached) – A. Reaves
    - i. Student / Learning Coach Panel
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – T. Ochs / J. Marhefka
    - i. Enrollment and Staffing Presentation (to follow) – T. Ochs / J. Marhefka
  
- VII. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the January 26, 2011 Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Staffing Report (to follow)
  - 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 2011-2012 School Year Calendar (attached)
  - f. Approval of Amendment to the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook: Internet Safety (attached)
  
- VIII. Action Items
  - a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for January (attached) – G. Prince
  - b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2011-2012 School Year – T. Ochs / J. Marhefka
  - c. Approval of Graduation Plans and Expenditure (attached) – A. Reaves
  
- IX. Information Items
  - a. Legislative Update – K. Michel/P. Laystrom
  - b. Upcoming LiveLesson® Sessions (attached) – M. Wrisley
  - c. Old and New Business – J. Flora
  
- X. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment – March 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

## 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 26, 2011 Board Meeting**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Megann Wrisley

**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 Staffing Report**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Allison Reaves

**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:** Allison Reaves

**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:** Allison Reaves

**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 2011-2012 School Year Calendar**

**PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS:** Allison Reaves

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Each year the Board is required to review and approve the School's Calendar. The proposed 2011-2012 school year calendar is included in the Board materials, and Board approval is requested.

f. Approval of Amendment to the 2010-2011 School Year General School Handbook: Internet Safety

PRESENTER IF MOVED TO ACTION ITEMS: Allison Reaves

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.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approval of Connections Academy Invoice for January**

**PRESENTER:** Gary Prince

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Prince will review the invoice as it relates to the financial report reviewed earlier in the meeting. He will request approval of the invoice, and authorization to make payment via wire based upon availability of funds.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Approval of Funded Enrollment Target for the 2011-2012 School Year**

**PRESENTER:** Ted Ochs / Janet Marhefka

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Consideration for Approval

**BACKGROUND:** Based on the 2010-2011 projected enrollment of approximately 2,400 students, which represents a growth of 900 students from the 2009-2010 school year, Ms. Marhefka will review the proposed funded enrollment target of 2,800 students for the 2011-2012 school year with the Board and seek Board direction and approval for a target. Much of the 2011-2012 planning will be based on this funded enrollment target established by the Board.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Approval of Graduation Plans and Expenditure**

**PRESENTER:** Allison Reaves

**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: \_\_\_\_\_