



**APPROVED 10/15/14**

**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Held at the following location and via teleconference:  
220 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 403  
Columbia, SC 29210**

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**I. Call to Order**

In the absence of Mr. Prince, the Board called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. Board members requested that Ms. Karns assist them with chairing the meeting, until Mr. Prince is able to join. The agenda had been posted in accordance with the legal requirements and the school was open to the public to attend the meeting.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Frank Thomas (in person, at the school, which was open to the public); Peter Moyi, Rebecca Battle-Bryant and Melanie Murphy (via phone);

Board Members Joined During Meeting: Gary Prince (in person);

Board Members Absent: Armando Colombo and Denise Forest;

Guests in Person: Amanda Ebel, SCCA Executive Director;

Guests via Phone: Kyle Michel, Allison Reaves, Jay W. Ragley, Tanya Lee, Jay W. Ragley, Megann Arthur and Laura Karns, Connections staff.

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments at this time.

**IV. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Karns asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. She then asked if there were any requested changes to the Agenda. The Board requested to add an Action Item: Approval of Board President as the Designee to work with Connections to Negotiate and Finalize Revised Bylaws. There being no further changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the September 17, 2014 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Meeting, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Oral Reports

### a. Executive Director's Report

#### i. Enrollment and Staffing Update

Ms. Ebel reviewed the Monthly School Report (MSR) and enrollment with the Board, including those students in pre-enrollment phases of the process. She also discussed with the Board staffing updates that have been made based on enrollment.

#### ii. Back to School Activities Update

Ms. Ebel discussed with the Board recent back to school activities, including in-person and virtual meet and greet events for learning coaches and students.

#### iii. School Goals Update

Ms. Ebel provided the Board with an update on the school goals, timeline and progress of the preparation for the upcoming AdvancED accreditation visit.

[Mr. Prince joined the meeting at 3:29 p.m.]

### b. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial statements in detail, as included in the Board materials. She reviewed the balance sheet, and the school's revenue and expense statements with the Board.

#### i. Audit Update

Ms. Lee reviewed the recent audit visit and information requests with the Board.

## VI. Consent Agenda

Mr. Prince asked the Board members whether any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the August 20, 2014 Meeting; and
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Action Items

### a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoices for July and August

Mr. Moyi reviewed the invoices for the months of July and August that were included in the Board package, and derived from the financial report provided earlier in the meeting. He asked the Board whether they had any questions on the invoices. There being none, he recommended the approval of the invoices to the Board based on his review. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC invoices for July, in the amount of \$1,508,661.76, and August, in the amount of \$1,603,199.08, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Board President as the Designee to work with Connections to Negotiate and Finalize Revised Bylaws

Ms. Karns reviewed a recent legislative change that will now allow the Board to both elect and appoint members of the Board. The Board discussed the continuity and stability benefits if they amend their bylaws and annual election process to incorporate the legislative changes, and indicated their intent to appoint the three most senior Board members at a future meeting. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President as the Designee to work with Connections to Negotiate and Finalize Revised Bylaws, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Information Items**

a. State Relations Update

Mr. Ragley provided the Board with an update on recent legislative activities that may impact the school.

b. 2014-2015 Items for Board Consideration

Ms. Karns reviewed the outline of items planned to be presented for Board consideration throughout the current school year. She further advised the Board that the document was fluid, and items may be included, omitted, or considered on a varied timeline based on a number of factors, including state submission and enrollment deadlines, as well as school need for student support.

**IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. ET**

The Board confirmed the next Board meeting would be October 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. ET. The Board, being at the end of its agenda, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.