



**APPROVED 08/19/15**

**South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 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 Mr. Prince's absence, Mr. Colombo, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The agenda had been posted in accordance with legal requirements and the school was open to the public to attend the meeting.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Peter Moyi, Melanie Murphy and Frank Thomas (in person); Armando Colombo and Beth Purcell (via phone);

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

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Battle-Bryant;

Guests in Person: Amanda Ebel, Executive Director; Allison Reaves and Rachel Graver, Connections staff;

Guests via Phone: Tanya Lee and Laura Karns, Connections staff.

**III. Public Comment**

There were no comments at this time.

**IV. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Columbo asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting and properly noticed and posted per the legal requirements. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 17, 2015 South Carolina Connections Academy Board of Directors Annual Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## V. Oral Reports

### a. Introduction of Connections School Leadership Team Representative, Rachel Graver

Ms. Reaves introduced Rachel Graver to the Board, and advised them that she would be transitioning into the role of primary liaison to the Board on behalf of Connections' School Leadership Team.

[Mr. Prince joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.]

### b. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ebel reviewed the Monthly School Report (MSR) with the Board, highlighting changes from last month's report and trends in the report.

#### i. State Testing Update

Ms. Ebel reviewed the recent state testing participation rates and preparations by school staff members prior to testing.

### c. Financial Report

Ms. Lee reviewed the financial statements in detail, as included in the Board materials. She further reviewed the balance sheet, and the school's revenue expense statements, as well as the forecasted expenses with the Board. Ms. Lee also reviewed legislative changes that will increase school funding.

## 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 noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the May 20, 2015 Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; and
- c. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for the 2015-2016 School Year; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Action Items

### a. Approval of Connections Academy of South Carolina, LLC Invoice for May

Mr. Moyi reviewed the invoice for the month of May, as 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 invoice. There being none, he recommended the approval of the invoice 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 invoice for May, in the amount of \$1,402,664.44, as presented, is hereby approved for payment upon the availability of funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Officers until the Election

Ms. Karns presented this item to the Board. She reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advised the Board that all positions would be in the interim, until the Board's next election. Nominations were opened for each position. Following the closure of nominations, and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

Gary Prince, Board President;  
Armando Colombo, Vice President;  
Peter Moyi, Board Treasurer; and  
Rebecca Battle-Bryant, Board Secretary, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**VIII. Information Items**

a. State Relations Update

There was no update provided at this time.

b. Open Meeting Laws Update

Ms. Karns reviewed recent changes to South Carolina Open Meeting Laws with the Board.

c. Board Training Reminder

Ms. Karns reminded the Board of the online state-required orientation training modules for charter school board members, as discussed at a previous meeting. She further advised that Board members who were required to complete the training would be receiving more information via email.

d. Results of Parent Satisfaction Survey

Ms. Ebel reviewed the results of the Parent Satisfaction Survey, included in the Board materials, in detail with the Board. She noted that a third party independent vendor conducted the survey. A copy of the results of the survey was sent to the school Board's President directly from the third party vendor.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matter – S.C.C. § 30-4-70(a)(1) – for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by public body**

The Board entered into executive session at 3:25 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via a roll call vote of all the Board members present, pursuant to S.C.C. § 30-4-70(a)(1) for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student or a person regulated by a public body. Board members in attendance were Gary Prince, Armando Colombo, Peter Moyi, Melanie Murphy, Frank Thomas and Beth Purcell. At the invitation of the Board, guests in attendance were: Allison Reeves, Rachel Graver and Laura Karns. All others left the meeting at this time.

After the Board concluded their discussion, the Board resumed their open session at 3:41 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all the Board members present. No action was taken during executive session.

[Ms. Ebel re-joined the meeting at 3:41 p.m.]

**X. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Executive Session**

a. Approval of School Leader Compensation for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mr. Prince reviewed the recommended compensation for the 2015-2016 school year as discussed during the Executive Session, and requested Board approval. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School Leader Compensation for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$94,250 with a 20% bonus potential, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Annual Meeting – Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. ET**

Mr. Prince noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. ET. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.