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Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (ARCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Held via teleconference

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I. Call to Order

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The meeting was open to the public.

Mr. Beck conducted a Roll Call. All present in person and via phone introduced themselves.

Board Members Present: Dennis Beck, Virginia Walden Ford and Carla Hartwell;

Guests: Bryce Adams, Melissa Nelson and Heather Woodward; Connections staff (via phone).

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Beck asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the August 17, 2015 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Partnership with Connections

i. School Leadership Team

Mr. Adams introduced Melissa Nelson to the Board and advised of the support that Ms. Nelson will provide the school and the Board. Ms. Nelson reviewed her role and responsibilities with Connections. The Board asked questions about her role and the support they can expect in the school leadership recruitment process.

b. Update on Charter Application

Mr. Adams provided the Board with an update on the timeline for the charter application. Mr. Adams noted that he has confirmed a mock trial with Arkansas Public School Research Center for the week of the interviews, to allow Board members to get additional preparation for their interview process.

Mr. Adams encouraged Board members to consider visiting Oklahoma Connections Academy. The Board was enthusiastic about the opportunity and expressed their desire to move forward with the visit.

c. Outreach Efforts

Mr. Adams reviewed the current outreach efforts. He shared a few letters of support the school has received as well as verbal support during in person visits. The Board confirmed their desire to continue to obtain letters of support for the application.

**IV. Action Items**

a. Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting

Board members considered the Minutes from the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting. Ms. Woodward asked Board members if they had any recommended changes. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval for the Board President to Submit Responses to Charter Application Technical Assistance Inquiries on behalf of the Board

Mr. Adams presented this item to the Board. He reviewed the technical assistance process associated with the charter application. The Board confirmed their desire to have the Board President be the Board designee to submit responses regarding the charter application. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President to submit responses to Charter Application technical assistance inquiries on behalf of the Board, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date – September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

Mr. Beck noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting was scheduled to be held September 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. At 9:34 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. August 17, 2015 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.