



**APPROVED 04/18/16**  
Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (ARCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Held via teleconference

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**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. The meeting was open to the public. Mr. Beck conducted a Roll Call.

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

Guests: Jennifer Finn, Board Counsel; Bryce Adams, Melissa Nelson, Laura Coleman 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 changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the March 2, 2016 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes from the February 15, 2016 Board Meeting

Board members considered the Minutes from the February 15, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Beck asked Board members if they had any recommended changes. There being no changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the February 15, 2016 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Oral Reports**

a. Update on RFP Process and Sole Source Determination

Mr. Adams reviewed with the Board the RFP and Sole Source Determination process and the now closed 30 day posting period which will make ARCA eligible to enter into a contract with Connections.

b. Update on Principal Recruitment

Ms. Nelson provided the Board with an update on the recruitment efforts for a School Principal. Ms. Nelson reviewed the interview schedule and expected timeline for presenting a candidate before the Board for consideration.

**IV. Action Items**

a. Approval of Statement of Agreement with Connections Education, LLC

Mr. Beck presented the Statement of Agreement along with attachment A and the proposed Fee Schedule with Connections Education, LLC to the Board. Ms. Finn advised the Board of the review process completed to date by all parties involved, including herself as Board Counsel, Mr. Beck and Connections. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Statement of Agreement with Connections Education, LLC and the Fee Schedule, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Adams reviewed with the Board the outreach plan and enrollment process that will begin immediately for enrollment for next school year. The Board discussed the plans in detail and requested additional details on upcoming information sessions.

**V. Information Item**

There was no update at this time.

**VI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – March 8, 2016 at 8:00 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 March 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. At 9:48 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. March 2, 2016 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.