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

Monday, July 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Held at the following location and via teleconference:

Arkansas Connections Academy
1009 Beau Terre Drive, Building O
Bentonville, AR 72712

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. when all participants were able to hear each other. The school was open to the public to attend the meeting. Mr. Beck conducted a Roll Call.

Board Members Present: Dennis Beck and Virginia Walden Ford (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Carla Hartwell;

Guests: Darla Gardner, School Leader (in person); Bryce Adams, Ben Shifflet, Mindy Whisman, Jennifer Dukek, and Kristin DeGross, Connections staff (via phone).

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

III. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Beck asked the Board Members whether there were any changes necessary to the Agenda that has been posted in accordance with Arkansas open meeting law. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the July 17, 2017 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Oral Reports

a. School Leader Report

i. Statewide Data Report

Ms. Gardner presented this item to the Board. She advised the Board of the timeline for the

release of statewide data, and noted that further updates would be provided at a future meeting.

ii. Student Course/Schedule Update

Ms. Gardner presented this item to the Board. She reviewed recent legislation regarding part-time enrollment for students, as well as ongoing communications with the Arkansas Department of Education.

Ms. Gardner also reviewed her recent attendance at the Summer Leadership Retreat, hosted by Connections, and noted the value of the information presented.

V. Consent Items

Mr. Beck asked the Board members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion. There being none, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the June 19, 2017 Annual Board Meeting; and
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Action Items

There were no Action Items needed for consideration at this time.

VII. Information Items

a. State Relations Update

Mr. Adams provided the Board with an update on recent legislative activities which may impact the school.

b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update

Ms. Dukek presented to the Board on behalf of Connections' School Leadership Team, and further discussed Ms. Gardner's attendance at the Summer Leadership Retreat.

c. Board Recruitment Update

Mr. Beck provided an update on current Board member recruitment efforts.

d. Board Training Update

Ms. DeGross presented this item to the Board. She reviewed the process for obtaining board member training credits through the Arkansas Department of Education, and advised that further updates would be provided at a future meeting.

VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – August 21, 2017 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 August 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. At 10:28 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. July 17, 2017 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.