



**APPROVED 04/16/2018**

**Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. (ARCA)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, March 19, 2018 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

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Beck called the meeting to order at 9:04 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); Hailey Maloney, Board member candidate; Bryce Adams, Tina Blair, Mindy Whisman, Jennifer Dukek, and Kristin DeGroff, Pearson Online & Blended Learning (POBL) 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 March 19, 2018 Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Oral Reports**

a. School Leader Report

Ms. Gardner reviewed with the Board the Monthly School Report, as included in the Board package in detail.

i. State Testing Update

Ms. Gardner provided the Board with an update on state testing, including the timeline for upcoming exams, and recent communications to families at the school.

b. Financial Report

Ms. Whisman reviewed the financial report included in the Board Meeting materials. She highlighted key aspects in the school's revenue and expense reports, as well as the current forecast.

i. Audit Update

Ms. Whisman provided the Board with an update on the timeline for audit completion.

#### **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 no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2018 Board Meeting;
- b. Approval of Staffing Report; and
- c. Approval of Connections Education Invoice(s) for February; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. Action Items**

There were no action items.

#### **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 POBL's Partner School Leadership Team. She provided additional information regarding the school's standardized testing preparations.

c. Board Recruitment Update

Mr. Beck provided the Board with an update regarding ongoing Board member recruitment.

**VIII. Consideration of Board Member Candidate, Hailey Maloney**

Mr. Beck noted the background information on the Board member candidate, Hailey Maloney, included in the Board package. Mr. Beck provided the Board with some brief background information on the candidate and her interest in the Board. Ms. Maloney introduced herself, and reviewed her qualifications with the Board. Board members discussed the candidate, and expressed their support of her appointment. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that Hailey Maloney as a Board Member of Arkansas Connections Academy, with a term through the Annual Meeting 2018, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting Date – April 16, 2018 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 April 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. At 9:33 a.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the Arkansas Connections Academy, Inc. March 19, 2018 Board meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.