



**NEVADA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY (NCA)  
BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

Pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, notice is hereby given to the members of the NCA Board and the general public that the NCA Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

**Date and Time:**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. PT

**Held at the following locations:**

Nevada Connections Academy  
555 Double Eagle Court, Suite 2000  
Reno, NV 89521

**And via teleconference:**

800-504-8071; 184-9889#

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Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact Joe Thomas at (775) 826-4200. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation; no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – J. Sanchez
- II. Confirmation and Appointment of Potential Board Member: Naima Benjelloun – J. Sanchez
- III. Acceptance of Board Member Resignation: Gene Stewart (attached) – J. Sanchez
- IV. Roll Call – J. Sanchez
- V. Public Comment

The Board welcomes participation by the members of the public both in-person and telephonically. To address an item on the agenda, before the scheduled start of the meeting, an individual must write their name and a short description of the agenda item on which they wish to comment on the card provided and submit this to the Chair, along with any materials they want to have distributed to Board. Individuals who wish to address the Board telephonically must contact the School Principal by phone or by email at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the Board meeting. If the individual wants to provide any written materials to the Board, these should be emailed to the School Principal at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

The total time for any individual to present, either in person or via telephone, on an item on the agenda shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Board grants additional time.

Individuals desiring to make a formal presentation to the Board on an item not on the agenda but desiring it be placed on the agenda must provide notice and written submissions detailing the subject of the presentation to the School Principal

at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Any such presentations shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in duration, unless otherwise permitted by the Chair.

To view the Board Public Comment Policy, visit the school's "Our School Board" page at [www.connectionsacademy.com](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

- VI. Routine Business
  - a. Approval of Agenda – J. Sanchez
- VII. Closed Meeting with Board Counsel Relating to State Public Charter School Authority's (SPCSA) Issuance of Notice of Closure – L. Grainer
- VIII. Closed Session: Pursuant to NRS § 241.030(1)(a), a closed session will be held for the purposes of discussion of the character and professional competence of Steve Werlein and Joe Thomas – J. Sanchez
- IX. Approval of Action(s) Necessary Based on Closed Meeting with Board Counsel and Closed Session
  - a. Approval of Interim School Leader – J. Sanchez
- X. Oral Reports
  - a. Acting School Leader's Report (MSR attached) – J. Thomas/ B. Rosta
    - i. Back to School Activities Update
    - ii. Enrollment and Staffing Update
    - iii. Graduation Rate Data Update (to follow)
  - b. Financial Report (attached) – B. Little
- XI. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the August 21, 2017 Special Board Meeting (attached)
  - b. Approval of Staffing Report (attached)
  - c. Approval of Connections Academy of Nevada, LLC Invoices for July and August (attached)
  - d. Approval of Case Management Invoice(s) (attached)
  - e. Approval of Invoice(s) from Connections Education: Summer School 2017 (attached)
  - f. Approval of Revision(s) to the Special Education Policies and Procedures Handbook (attached)
- XII. Action Items
  - a. Approval of School Focus Goals for the 2017-2018 School Year (attached) – J. Thomas
  - b. Ratification of Board Counsel Engagement (to follow) – J. Sanchez
- XIII. Information Items
  - a. State Relations Update – J. Daniels
  - b. Partner School Leadership Team (PSLT) Update – B. Rosta
    - i. Quarterly Metrics Update (attached)
    - ii. School Leader Hiring Update
  - c. 2017-2018 Items for Board Consideration (attached) – L. Coleman
  - d. Curriculum Town Hall Reminder – L. Coleman
  - e. Board Recruitment Update – J. Sanchez
  - f. Education Management Organization (EMO) Evaluation Reminder – J. Sanchez
- XIV. Public Comment (as detailed previously in agenda)
- XV. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. PT.

Notices of this meeting have been appropriately posted as required by the Nevada Open Meeting Law N.R.S 241.020(2) on or before 9:00 a.m. on the third working day before the meeting at the following locations:

- (1) Nevada Connections Academy, 555 Double Eagle Court, Suite 2000, Reno, NV 89251
- (2) Starbucks, 6637 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89511
- (3) Starbucks, 4809 Kietzke Ln., Reno, NV 89509
- (4) Save Mart, 4995 Kietzke Ln., Reno, NV 89509
- (5) Save Mart, 195 W Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509

Further in compliance with NRS 241.020, this Agenda has been posted on the official website for the Nevada Connections Academy, [www.connectionsacademy.com](http://www.connectionsacademy.com)

For copies of the supporting materials for this agenda, please contact Jenny Sparks at Holland & Hart, at 775-327-3012 or [JESparks@hollandhart.com](mailto:JESparks@hollandhart.com). Copies of the supporting materials will also be available at the meeting, or prior to the meeting at the offices of Holland & Hart, 5441 Kietzke Lane, Suite 200, Reno, NV 89511, attention Jenny Sparks.