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**July 06, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting – via Videoconference
North Carolina Learns, Inc.
Board of Directors**

<https://zoom.us/j/601051832>

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent	Others in Attendance Non-Voting
			Chad Long, K12
Dr. Ronald Kantor		Walter Martin	Chris Withrow, Executive Director
Sara Struhs	Brenda Robertson		Lauren Acome, K12
Dr. Steven Peters	Dr. Steve Moody		Tom Graham, K12
Dr. Ann Fuerst	Mark Fleming		John Kramer, K12
			Jodi Marshall, K12
			Julie Overholt, K12

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Steve Moody called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Before conducting business, the Executive Director took the roll to ensure that a quorum of the board existed. With a quorum present, board business could be conducted.

The mission was read for the full board to drive the actions and deliberations for the remainder of the meeting.

ACTION: Mrs. Brenda Robertson made a motion to accept the agenda, and approve all minutes from previous meetings, seconded by Dr. Ann Fuerst The motion passed unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

No requests for public comments were received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS:

- New Hires

ACTION: Mrs. Sara Struhs made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Dr. Steve Moody advised the board regarding options for officer positions, requested members contact him if they would like to run for election at the next board meeting.
- Dr. Steve Moody discussed with the board a proposal from the Lieutenant Governor's [LT]office regarding enrollment. There is a growing concern among teachers and families regarding reentering school facilities in the fall, the fear being COVID 19, and the risk of exposure. Additionally, concerns of a "New Wave" of the virus to come in the fall. Families are desperately seeking other education opportunities, and pressure is mounting for alternatives.

The LT's office proposes to work with the State Board of Education to sponsoring an initiative that would allow for immediate growth within our student population beyond what the State Board of Education previously approved.

There was much discussion regarding the benefits and distractions the additional growth may entail. The chair directed the ED and HOS to develop a plan for the board to review at a TBD called board meeting.

- Mrs. Lauren Acome shared with the board information regarding:
 - Hiring staff for the next school year, with four positions unfilled at this time.
 - We have 2,884 student slots filled; more will be enrolled once all required paperwork is completed.
 - Successes of our summer reading camp.
 - The results of our NC Teacher Working Conditions survey. Overall the responses from our teachers are outstanding.

- Mrs. Acome will list the activities of our Summer Jumpstart Program. This program is designed to offer remediation for our elementary students.

The information was positive and demonstrated the school is making significant progress.

- Mr. Chris Withrow provided an update regarding the finance committee. We are in negotiations for our next school year insurance premium. We expect finalization within a week or two and ask the board to delegate responsibility to the finance committee to finalize the plan. The committee discussed the finances regarding enrollment, budget, funding, and expenses. Four invoices were presented, which are June Stipend, April, May, and June invoices.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

April, May and June Invoice's

Delegation of authority to the finance committee regarding finalizing benefits

ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody, made a motion to approve all invoices, seconded by Dr. Ron Kantor. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody, made a motion to delegate authority to the finance committee, seconded by Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Office of Charter Schools Summer Huddle – July 28, 2020 – Via Cisco Webex

Academic Committee Work Session – September 11 and 12, 2020

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Sara Struhs and properly seconded by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously. With the

completion of all agenda items and no new business items, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended at 6:15 PM.

The next scheduled board meeting will be August 03, 2020, 5 PM.