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**October 05, 2020, Regular Board Meeting  
Minutes**

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

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

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Steve Moody called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Before conducting business, the Executive Director took the roll to ensure that the board's quorum existed. With a quorum present, board business could be performed.

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

**ACTION:** Mr. Mark Fleming made a motion to accept the agenda, and approve all minutes from previous meetings, seconded by Mr. Walter Martin The motion passed unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

No requests for public comments were received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS:

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mrs. Lea King discussed our Student Support Team [SST]. She shared how our strong start initiative has been used to welcome, orient, and support our new and returning families. The slides show a percentage increase in satisfaction with our school-based on pulse check data, with 759 respondents to the survey.

A sample weekly engagement schedule and a progress tracker based on logins was demonstrated using color codes to track the progress. An example questionnaire that we utilize to ask the students where they believe they need help and a success plan that incorporates what they think and what NCVA believes is necessary for their academic success.

Mrs. King apprised the board regarding the outings, clubs, and learning coach training opportunities. Additionally, she addressed social and emotional learning as part of our school plans.

- Mrs. Acome provided information regarding recruiting new staff to accommodate the proposed growth. Responses from families that have been reached out to on the waitlist for the growth opportunity. Due to COVID concerns, few of our third-grade students participated at the Beginning of Grade [BOG] assessment. The measurements for the students were presented. Additionally, Mrs. Acome shared our community service projects and how our staff is receiving on the spot bonuses.

- Finance Update – Mr. Martin shared that the finance committee reviewed our current financial status, four invoices, received an audit update, and discussed Employee Social Security Deferral.

Our enrollments are currently projected for 3,791 on a 9-month average, 941 registrations higher than last year. The increase is reflects adding up to 1,200 additional students this year. Total funding is projected to be \$28.4 million, which is \$7.3 million higher than the previous year; the projected expenses are \$28 million, \$6.9 million higher than last year. The year-end surplus is \$400,000 before the 3% Top-Off Reserve of \$237k.

The four invoices:

- August Invoice - \$3,115,427.54; this amount is expected for materials and services for the school.
- Testing Computers - \$1,620.00 – after discussion, this invoice was removed.
- Miscellaneous invoice - \$1,510.00 printing services
- Miscellaneous invoice – credit of \$786.20 for overspending on ISP services

The financial audit is nearing completion and is expected to be available at the next board meeting.

There was a discussion of the Employee Social Security Deferral [ESSD] option. The board decided not to pursue the option.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

August Invoice and the two Miscellaneous invoices

**ACTION:** Mr. Walter Martin, made a motion approve the invoices, seconded by Dr. Ron Kantor. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Brenda Robertson and properly seconded by Dr. Ann Fuerst. The motion passed unanimously. With the completion of all agenda items and no new business items, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended at 6:03 PM.

The next scheduled board meeting will be November 02, 2020, at 5 PM.