



NCVA is a community of students, families, and educators dedicated to expanding educational choice through innovative and technology-rich instructional practices, and accountable for developing each student's full potential for academic and post-secondary success.

**January 04, 2021, 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 |
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| | | | 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 |
| | | | Marcia Simmons, K12 |
| | | | Harry Kaplan |
| | | | Brian Resnick, K12 |
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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: Mrs. Brenda Robertson 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:

Administrative Withdrawals

ACTION: Mr. Walter Martin made a motion to approve the new hires, seconded by Dr. Ann Fuerst. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mr. Harry Kaplan gave a legislative update. Both parties used many resources during the November 2020 election cycle. There were gains and losses incurred by both parties; however, he believes we gained a few folks that understand school choice. This past year we made gains reaching out to the Congressional Black Caucus. Additionally, we have a new State Superintendent and Lieutenant Governor. Efforts will be focused on removing pilot charter status and to modify how we are evaluated.
- Mrs. Lauren Acome shared the Head of School update, consisting of information about our completed 1st semester EOC test, notice to provide an update to the Charter Advisory Board, Adopt Family charity efforts, our December talent show, and graduation.
- Mr. Christopher Withrow shared the new legislation regarding Title 9 [T. IX] and how it will affect NCVA. There will be changes to the website, documentation, policy, and procedure. Additionally, a committee is established to manage the various roles and instituted by the legislation.
- Mr. Christopher Withrow shared the Finance Committee report. For December, our total funding is \$23.2 million, with expenses projected to be \$23.1 million. We have three invoices consisting of:
 - Student ISP - \$41.60
 - November Invoice - \$1,430,162.74
 - December Invoice - \$965,646.64

V. ACTION ITEMS:

November, December, and ISP Invoices

ACTION: Mr. Walter Martin, made a motion approve the invoices, seconded by Mr. Mark Fleming. The motion passed unanimously.

T. IX Policy, Procedure, and Forms

ACTION: Mrs. Brenda Robertson, made a motion approve the invoices, seconded by Dr. Ron Kantor. Six members voted yes; Dr. Ron Kantor abstained.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Board Member Training offered by the Office of Charter Schools. If you would like to attend, please let the Executive Director know so that he can submit your registration.

Charter School Operations and Accountability, January 27, 2021. 8:30 am to 3:15 PM

Meeting the Needs of Children, February 24, 2021. 8:30 am to 3:15 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mark Fleming 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 6:24 PM.

The next scheduled board meeting will be February 01, 2021, at 5 PM.