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**April 05, 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
			Chad Long, K12
Dr. Ronald Kantor	Mark Fleming	Walter Martin	Chris Withrow, Executive Director
Sara Struhs	Brenda Robertson	Dr. Ann Fuerst	Marcia Simmons, K12
Dr. Steven Peters	Dr. Steve Moody		Todd McIntyre, K12
			Tarsha Parnell, K12
			Meghan Baulch, Parent

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Steve Moody called the meeting to order at 5:01 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. Sara Struhs made a motion to accept the agenda, and approve all minutes from previous meetings, seconded by Dr. Steven Peters. The motion passed unanimously.

## II. COMMUNICATIONS:

Meghan Baulch - voiced her concerns regarding the NC Department of Public Instruction [NCDPI] position on Dyslexia. Further, she is concerned that NCVA is administering an IEP for her child based on NCDPI's policy.

## III. CONSENT ITEMS:

## IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Mr. Chad Long updated the committee regarding the finances, particularly our enrollments, which are currently projected for 3,105 on a 9-month average, 255 enrollments higher than Budget. Total funding is \$23.9million, which is \$2.7million higher than the Budget, the total projected expenses at \$23.0million. Staffing is 171, with an increase of 13 new instructional positions. Mr. Long presented one invoice: a March Invoice of \$886,723. The committee's voting members approved the invoice and recommended the board approve the invoice in its next stated meeting.
- Mr. Chad Long discussed with the Finance Committee NCVA's new FMLA eligibility due to the staff growth. He recommended using a third-party provider, Mutual of Omaha, to manage FMLA claims. Mutual of Omaha was chosen as the provider because of the lower cost (approx. \$2 per employee per month) as well as Mutual of Omaha being the current provider of Short-Term Disability for NCVA staff. The Finance Committee accepted this recommendation.
- Mrs. Brenda Robertson made the following motion:

*I make a motion to enter a closed session to consider matters related to discuss personnel qualification, competence, performance, character, or fitness as*

*allowed under General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) and legal matter or potential legal matters as allowed under General Statute 143-318.11(a)(2)*

Mr. Mark Fleming seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed session entered at 5:16 PM

Closed session ended at 5:59 PM

V. ACTION ITEMS:

March Invoice

Approval, Interim HOS Elevated Check Signing Authority

Removal of Amanda Jones and replace with Christina Cameron for check signing authority of up to \$5,000

**ACTION:** Dr. Steve Moody, made a motion approve the invoice, the elevated privileges and stated changes to check signing authority, seconded by Mr. Mark Fleming. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of FMLA program  
Approval of Memo to Stride

**ACTION:** Mrs. Sara Struhs made a motion approve the FMLA Program and the Memo to Stride, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

- Finance Work Session - April 30 and May 01, 2021

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 6:07 PM.

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