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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
January 18, 2022**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS

Chairman Fickel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chairman Fickel, board members present virtually were Terrance Mims; Francisco Sanchez; Esmeralda Lopez; Don Haught; Jane Ross; and Bobbie Arterberry III. Other participants include central office and site staff.

II. AB 361 – Determine whether to continue virtual meetings per Gov. Code section 54953

Roll call votes were taken to hold the January 18, 2022 board meeting virtually:

Ayes: 7 (Ross, Lopez, Mims, Arterberry III, Sanchez, Fickel, Haught)

III. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion from Don Haught and seconded by Terrance Mims, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as posted.

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for January 18, 2022
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2021

RECEIVED

3. Monthly Financials through December 31, 2021

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

4. Superintendent's Report

a. Review Budget Development Calendar

Tom Renner went over the budget calendar which includes items typically presented at specific board meetings. January starts off the budget season with the release of the Governor's budget. Additional information on the budget will be available during the workshop on Friday. These fiscal assumptions are used during budget preparation for the upcoming year. Meetings have been held with Job Corps and I.S. principals to identify their needs at the site level.



b. COVID-19 Response Update

Mike Hadjiaghai reported on the communication with site principals/leaders and staff regarding Omicron-related issues. At-home COVID test kits obtained from SDCOE are being shipped to SIATech charter sites this week. SIATech Academy South sites are in possession of at-home COVID test kits obtained from LACOE. The county offices of education continue to receive shipments of N95 masks. The plan is to have ten (10) N95 masks available for all students and staff.

c. Enrollment Update

Enrollment remains low at both classroom-based and independent study sites. Job Corps is not adding students back to the centers at this time, although hopeful they can resume at the end of January.

d. Retention and Reengagement Update

Stacey Wilkins provided an overview of the focus, as a system around *portrait of a SIATech graduate*. All staff will be included in the process of identifying necessary resources and services, intervention, instruction, partnerships, MTSS, CTE, assessment, and curriculum for our students. Reviewed the system-wide and site level re-engagement and retention efforts currently in process.

e. Legislative Affairs Update (*Strategic Goal 5 highlights*):

- Legislative action to amend Ed code language in sections 47605.1(f), 47612.1 and 51747.3 (c) to better align with our program.
- Currently working with ASM. Akilah Weber to back the bill
- Bills to watch
 - SB 579 hold harmless- same as AB 1609- This bill would instead, for the 2022–23 fiscal year, require the department to use the greater of the 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22, or 2022–23 fiscal year average daily attendance for purposes of apportionments under the local control funding formula for these local educational agencies, as provided.
 - AB 1607- ADA based on a 3 year rolling average instead of one year.
 - AB 1614- increase base grant by \$3,000
 - SB 830- enrollment based funding system- still have ADA- creates a grant program for funds between enrollment and ADA- 50% must be used on truancy. Did not include charters, it will be fixed.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

5. Discussed Board Member Terms

Michael Fickel reviewed the current terms of service and those expiring March 2022. Francisco Sanchez will not serve as a Board member for another term. Francisco is

committed to continuing on the Board until the nominating committee appoints a replacement. Jane Ross will continue another 3-year term.

Michael Fickel asked Board members to reach out to either him or Terrance Mims by this Friday, if interested in serving on the board member nomination committee.

6. Discussed/Adopted Board Member Nomination and Selection Process

The Board reviewed the draft process for nominating and selecting a new board member. The list of criteria used in the ranking tool during the last board vacancy will be utilized by the committee for this current vacancy.

On a motion from Francisco Sanchez and seconded by Esmeralda Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the Board Member Nomination and Selection Process.

7. Calendar – for information

8. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – February 15, 2022

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. Annual FPPC Form 700 (Conflict of Interest)
- c. 2nd Interim Report for SIATech and SIATech Academy South
- d. Mid-Year LCAP Update

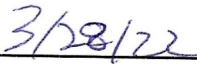
VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:36 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary



Date