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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
December 14, 2021**

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 December 14, 2021 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 December 14, 2021
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2021
3. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Budget

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4. Monthly Financials through November 30, 2021

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

5. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment Update

Terrance Mims noted enrollment continues to lag at Job Corps, but we are seeing increased enrollment at centers as DOL continues to ease restrictions and approve returns to traditional enrollment. Enrollment at IS sites is largely on schedule but student re-engagement and retention is a concern that we are focusing on across the system.



b. CTE Update

Debra DiBiase shared an update on the K-12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) grant applications. SIATech – Inland Empire was awarded \$472,308 plus an additional \$233,604 for a total of \$70,912. SIATech Academy South received \$315K in grant funding. Both projects are similar and include Paxton/Patterson Career Labs; a logistics pathway has been added to Inland Empire. These funds will be used to increase the number of students enrolled in existing pathways by redesigning our College & Career exploration so that all students participate in focused, hands-on career exploration leading to the creation of a post-secondary plan.

Debra provided an overview of how the identified gaps have been closed since the May 2021 CTE analysis as well as the focus areas over the next 12 months.

c. Partnership Development

Liz Brenner shared an update on Strategic Goal 5: Expand SIATech's Impact. A partnership page is now on our website and includes an interest form to become a potential partner as well as a list of our existing partners and locations served. There is also a live link to sign up for SIATech's partner newsletter.

A few of the new WIOA partners include Paving Great Futures – Black Opportunity Youth and Access – Youth Services.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. Discussed/Adopted Board Priorities for 2021-2022

Priority 1 of the prior year's Board Priorities was replaced with Re-engage and Retain Students.

On a motion from Don Haught and seconded by Esmeralda Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the Board Priorities for 2021-2022.

7. Discussed Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

Esmeralda Lopez and Don Haught shall serve as the subcommittee for the Superintendent Evaluation. Terrance Mims and Michael Fickel will meet to create a plan then to the Board for input. The prior evaluation format will be used for the current Superintendent Evaluation.

8. Calendar – *for information*

9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **January 18, 2022**

a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – Board Chair Fickel wished everyone Happy Holidays.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:40 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

3/28/22

Date