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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
November 16, 2021**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS

Chairman Fickel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chairman Fickel, board members present virtually were Terrance Mims; Francisco Sanchez; Esmeralda Lopez; Jane Ross; and Bobbie Arterberry III. Board member Haught was absent. 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 November 16, 2021 board meeting virtually:

Ayes: 6 (Ross, Lopez, Mims, Arterberry III, Sanchez, Fickel)

Absent: 1 (Haught, Ross) Board member Ross arrived shortly after this agenda item.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for November 16, 2021
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2021

RECEIVED

3. Monthly Financials through October 31, 2021 (included in 1st Interim Report)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS SERVICES

4. Approved SIATech 1st Interim Report

Tom Renner reviewed highlights of the report and noted a significant decrease in ADA due to pandemic and AB 130 restrictions. The 2021-22 adopted budget was based on 959 ADA, which has reduced to 560 in the revised 2021-22 budget. As planned, conservative budgeting along with our fund balance will help us get through the decline. The good news is enrollment across all sites is slowly beginning to increase. We are working to obtain Employee Retention Credits (ERC) that could provide payroll tax credit refunds to help

mitigate the deficit (not included in 1st Interim Report). Economic uncertainties projection is 13% by year end.

On a motion from Jane Ross and seconded by Terrance Mims, the Board unanimously approved the SIATech 1st Interim Report.

5. Approved SIATech Academy South 1st Interim Report

Tom Renner provided the Board with an update on the revenue and expense projections. He noted the 2021-22 funding is based on ADA 145, a slight decrease from the adopted budget of 155 to be conservative. Overall projected revenue is increased by \$186,028 and increased expenditures by \$204,581. ADA assumptions for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 are higher. The projected ending fund balance remains strong and economic uncertainties at 56%.

On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Jane Ross, the Board unanimously approved the SIATech Academy South 1st Interim Report.

6. Reviewed Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Budget

Tom Renner reviewed the expenditure plan which outlines the intended use of the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds. These one-time funds may be used beginning this fiscal year through the next five years. To be eligible for these funds, a plan must be presented in a public meeting of the governing board before its adoption at a subsequent meeting.

7. Approved Synergi Partners Contract for Employee Retention Tax Credit Preparation and Support Services

On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Jane Ross, the Board unanimously approved the Synergi Partners Contract for Employee Retention Tax Credit Preparation and Support Services.

VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

8. Superintendent's Report

a. MTSS Update

Courtney Daikos and Heather Sweeney with Continua Consulting Group are working with our instructional leadership team on the development of our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to best serve students. An update on the progress was provided to the Board.

b. Student Stories (videos shared)

- Interview with South Bay Student CruzElena Sillas (interviewed by teacher/site leader Sara Lewis)
- SIATech Long Beach Graduate and RAPSA 2021 Scholarship Award Winner Kimberly Cuellar (nominated by teacher Wendy Roberts)

c. Data Dashboards Update

Linda Leigh provided an update on the development of our data dashboards to provide accurate, timely information about students and their learning progress as well as help us make informed-decisions about programs and services.

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

9. Calendar – *for information*

10. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **December 14, 2021**

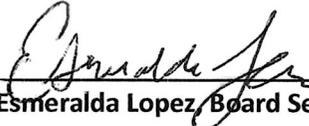
a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board

b. **Approve** Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Budget

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – Chairman Fickel wished everyone a happy holiday.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 6:50 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

11/15/21

Date