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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
February 15, 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; Don Haught; Jane Ross (arrived at 5:03 p.m.); and Bobbie Arterberry III. Board Member Esmeralda Lopez 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 February 15, 2022 board meeting virtually:

Ayes: 5 (Mims, Arterberry III, Sanchez, Fickel, Haught)

Absent: 2 (Ross, Lopez) Board member Ross arrived shortly after this agenda item.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for February 15, 2022
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2021

RECEIVED

3. Monthly Financials through January 31, 2022 (included in 2nd Interim Reports)
4. Annual FPPC Form 700 (Conflict of Interest) **board members to complete**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS SERVICES

5. **Received** 2020-21 Annual Audit

Andrew Park with Eide Bailly presented the 2020-2021 Annual Audit. The audit is an unqualified report meaning there were no findings. The audit includes both SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charters.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2020-21 Annual Audit as presented.



6. Approved 2nd Interim Report for SIATech including monthly Financials

Tom Renner reviewed the financials through January 31 and two years out based on assumptions. The 2020-21 adopted budget was based on 959 ADA then modified to 560 in revised #1 budget. ADA projections are further reduced from 560 to 473 after P1 attendance report of 459. Monies were set aside in the fund balance at the end of last year for the purpose of stabilizing the budget. Multi-year ADA projections include an increase of 298 ADA next year and an additional 279 ADA for FY 2023-24. Economic uncertainties level is at 10%.

On a motion from Jane Ross and seconded by Francisco Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved the 2nd Interim Report for SIATech as presented.

7. Approved 2nd Interim Report for SIATech Academy South including monthly Financials

Tracy Brown presented the SIATech Academy South 2nd Interim Report to the Board. Enrollment & ADA projections reduced at 2nd Interim to reflect P1 numbers. Until P2 numbers are in, minimal increase to enrollment and ADA projected in 2022-23 and a modest increase in 2023-24. Economic uncertainties level is at 54% (minimum required is 5%).

On a motion from Jane Ross and seconded by Francisco Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved the 2nd Interim Report for SIATech Academy South as presented.

VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

8. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment Update

Enrollment remains low at both classroom-based and independent study sites. We are optimistic that our numbers will trend upward as Job Corps start to slowly return students to centers. Retention and re-engagement is an area of focus across the SIATech system.

b. Mid-Year LCAP Update

Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires LEAs to present an update on the *Annual Update to the 2021–22 LCAP on or before February 28, 2022*, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. At this meeting, the LEA must include all of the following:

- The Supplement to the Annual Update for the 2021–22 LCAP;
- All available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021–22 LCAP; and
- Mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021–22 LCAP.

Stacey Wilkins and Linda Leigh presented the Mid-Year LCAP Update to the Board.

c. Student Services Update (*highlights from Nicole Taylor's presentation*)

- Marielena Ayala - recently hired as the ELL Coord. (over 32 yrs. of experience)
- Student Wellness Coordinator (in the process of recruiting for this role)
- Student Wellness Committee (Nicole Taylor, Jennifer Kay, Chris Lemke, and Lori Belzman) is working to create an action plan that meets the needs of our students and staff
- Partnerships
 - Wellness Together (school-based mental health services)
 - Student Referral Process (aligns with MTSS model)
 - survey students to help identify their needs
 - Funding Source (ESSER III – SIATech / ELO Finds – SAS)
 - UCLA Counseling and Psychological Services (wellness group support sessions)

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

9. Discussed Board Member Nominating Committee Update

Francisco Sanchez indicated there is currently one candidate interested in serving on the SIATech BOD and continuing to gather candidate applications. The committee is working on a timeline, a ranking tool and board member goals.

10. Discussed Superintendent Evaluation Committee Update – Tabled until March 15th

11. Discussed Board Development Workshop Planning

The Board decided to hold off on the Board Development Workshop until the vacant board position is filled and the new board member has been seated.

12. Calendar – *for information*

13. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – March 15, 2022

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. Board Member Nominating Committee Update
- c. Superintendent Evaluation Committee Update

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – Michael Fickel shared that tomorrow is Cisco's birthday.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:09 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez

Michael Fickel
Michael Fickel, Board Chair

March 21, 2022
Date