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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
February 21, 2023**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS

Board Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chair Ross, board members present virtually were Esmeralda Lopez; Terrance Mims; Erica Alfaro; and Joe Herrity (arrived at 6:01 p.m.) 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 21, 2023, board meeting virtually:

Ayes: 4 (Mims, Lopez, Alfaro, and Ross)

Absent: 1 (Herrity) Board member Herrity arrived shortly after this roll call.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for February 21, 2023
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2023
3. Comprehensive School Safety Plan

RECEIVED

4. Monthly Financials through January 31, 2023 (included in 2nd Interim Reports)
5. Annual FPPC Form 700 (Conflict of Interest) **Board members to complete**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS SERVICES

6. Approved SIATech 2nd Interim Report

Tom Renner reviewed highlights of the report and noted a reduction in ADA projection for P1 by 15 to 660. The overall revenue projection increased by \$283,194 primarily from state revenue sources. Expenses are projected to increase by \$210,356 due to an increase in supplies and materials, student transportation, contracted services and internet costs. Economic certainties reduced slightly to 14%.



On a motion from Esmeralda Lopez and seconded by Erica Alfaro, the Board unanimously approved the 2nd Interim Report for SIATech as presented.

7. Approved SIATech Academy South 2nd Interim Report

Tom Renner presented and reviewed the highlights of the report and noted a decrease in revenue by \$315,983 in great part due to state LCFF funding reduction. Expenses overall decreased by \$165,673 primarily due to vacant positions, thus reducing costs to both salaries and benefits. P1 numbers impacted the reduction in ADA at 2nd interim. Economic uncertainties remain at 50%.

On a motion from Esmeralda Lopez and seconded by Joe Herrity, the Board unanimously approved the 2nd Interim Report for SIATech Academy South as presented.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

8. Approved E-Rate Vendor Selection for FY 2023-24

Mark Kiker indicated the schools and libraries universal service support program known as the E-rate program helps schools and libraries obtain affordable broadband. SIATech entered into an RFP process to seek options for all sites with SIATech and SIATech Academy South. Annual Internet services for all sites not to exceed \$210,000. 80-90% of which are eligible for E-Rate discounts, leaving the charters with an impact not to exceed \$42,000 combined.

On a motion from Joe Herrity and seconded by Esmeralda Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the Vendor Selection for FY 2023-24 as presented.

VII. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

9. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment Update

Dr. Mims reported we are trending in the right direction for P2 and the coming school year as the data shows an overall gain of students. SIATech student engagement has been determined to be key to turning the outflow number around for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond.

b. Engagement and Retention Plan

SIATech leaders and site staff have engaged in an initiative to improve the engagement and retention of SIATech enrolled students. The plan consists of five pillars of action, backed by process and procedures for sites to use as models of engagement with students. Each Independent Study site will be visited and trained on the scope of the plan by the end of April. The plan is intended to be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

10. Installation of New Staff Board Member

Board Chair Ross introduced and read the Oath of Office to Jennifer Credit, newly appointed Staff Representative Board Member. By affirming her Oath of Office to the

members of the Board, staff and community members present, Jennifer Credit has been officially installed as a member of the SIATech Board of Directors.

11. Discussed Board Member Vacancy

The Board discussed the board vacancy and plans were initiated to begin vetting candidates. Dr. Mims will lead the committee to collect candidates and review applications. Further updates to follow once a viable candidate has been determined.

12. Discussed Board Retreat Agenda

The Board decided to hold off on the retreat until the board vacancy is filled with a new member.

13. Calendar – *create in-person schedule for board meetings*

Mike Hadjiaghai brought the calendar forward to the board, to schedule in person Board Meetings. As AB 361 will be coming to an end, the State will require in-person meetings to coincide with the end of Covid 19 conditions for meeting. The Board will send Pricilla Perez their availability to ensure a quorum. The Board took a vote to cancel the March 21, 2023 Board Meeting.

On a motion from Esmeralda Lopez and a second by Erica Alfaro, the Board unanimously voted to cancel the March 21, 2023 Board Meeting.

14. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **March 21, 2023**

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. Board Member Vacancy
- c. Preliminary Budget Discussion
- d. Board Retreat
- e. LCAP Update

IX. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – None

X. ADJOURNMENT – 7:22 p.m.

Recorder: Maria Lenhoff



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

5/4/23

Date