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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
March 15, 2022**

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; Esmeralda Lopez; Don Haught; Jane Ross; and Bobbie Arterberry III. Board Member Francisco Sanchez 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 March 15, 2022 board meeting virtually:

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

Absent: 1 (Sanchez)

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 March 15, 2022
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022

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3. Monthly Financials through February 28, 2022

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. BUSINESS SERVICES

4. Approved 2021-22 Independent Auditor Selection Certification

Tom Renner has recommended the award of contract to Eide Bailly Certified Public Accountants for SIATech's annual independent audit and preparation of tax returns for the fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24. These services also include SIATech Academy South.

On a motion from Jane Ross and seconded by Don Haught, the Board unanimously approved the 2021-22 Independent Auditor Selection Certification to Eide Bailly as presented.



VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

5. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment Update

Job Corps enrollment has not changed significantly since last month while Independent Study enrollment remains slightly below projections. We remain hopeful that these figures will increase as Job Corps has started to return more students to centers each week. The latest enrollment report is included in the board packet for reference.

b. Leadership Summit

Our in-person Leadership Summit was held on March 1st at the SIATech central office in Oceanside. This event was facilitated by Ed Center with Be the Change Consulting and was well-received by participants. The day included ideas for how to fully-achieve our mission through collaboration and continuous improvement.

c. Legislative Update

Liz is attending the CCSA Conference in Long Beach and has had an opportunity to connect with other charter schools on challenges such as SB 569. This hold-harmless legislation includes charter schools in maintaining funding for SY 2021-2022. AB 1609 is another funding bill we are monitoring that could impact the 2022-2023 SY. We will soon begin a letter writing campaign and provide letters to support this legislation.

The Federal Department of Education has denied California's request to use the one-year graduation rate to measure alternative schools. California has requested a waiver to be exempt from this requirement. Schools will not be eligible for the CSI funding based on the one-year grad rate. SIATech will still be identified as a CSI school due to our four-year cohort graduation rate.

A legislative fix is needed for AB 1505 regarding teacher credentialing by the 2024-2025 SY. More information to follow soon on this important issue.

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. **Discussed** Board Member Nominating Committee Update

Bobbie Arterberry III indicated the committee is still accepting applications from candidates and will have more of an update at the next board meeting.

7. **Discussed** Superintendent Evaluation Committee Update

Michael Fickel thanked Jane Ross for the work she did on the Superintendent's evaluation last year. The evaluation template was updated and given to board members for input. The final version was sent to Terrance and he is now working on his sections of the evaluation.

- 8. Calendar – *for information*
- 9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **April 19, 2022**
 - a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
 - b. Board Member Nominating Committee Update
 - c. Superintendent Evaluation Committee Update
 - d. Budget Development

VIII. **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD** – None

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – 5:55 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

4/26/22

Date