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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
April 19, 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; Esmeralda Lopez; Don Haught; Francisco Sanchez; and Bobbie Arterberry III (arrived at 5:02 p.m.). Board Member Jane Ross 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 April 19, 2022 board meeting virtually:

Ayes: 5 (Mims, Lopez, Fickel, Sanchez, Haught)

Absent: 2 (Ross, Arterberry III) Board member Arterberry III arrived shortly after this roll call.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for April 19, 2022
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2022

RECEIVED

3. Monthly Financials through March 31, 2022

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

5. Superintendent's Report

a. EL Update

- SIATech's new ELL Coordinator, Ms. Ayala, has started working along with the ELL Committee to improve our ELL program and services. She has started visiting school sites to meet with teachers.
- The ELL Committee has identified three English language development programs and is in the process of scheduling demos as part of the ELL curriculum review.



- The ELD professional development series on English Language Development for staff is underway.
- Ms. Ayala is also working with the School Leadership Teams to set up an English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC). The ELAC will help our parents and the community we serve to learn more about SIATech and the educational opportunities we have to offer.

b. Enrollment Update

The second attendance reporting period (P2) has concluded in which neither SIATech's or SIATech Academy South's Average Daily Attendance (ADA) improved due to the Covid Omicron variant that further impacted our school sites, particularly at Job Corps locations.

c. Budget Development

The CDE is reporting how the pandemic has affected enrollment in all schools across the state with a 2.6% drop realized in FY 2020-21 and a 1.8% continued drop this year; our enrollment loss is more acute at 55.1%. Lawmakers and the governor recognize this in which legislation is being considered to provide relief in the upcoming year in the form of a hold/harmless on ADA for one year utilizing the ADA from FY 19-20. Enrollment target levels for both Job Corps and IS have sites have been established.

As we head into the next budget cycle, these are three possible scenarios for SY 2022-23:

- Hold Harmless Scenario: Utilizing FY 2019-20 ADA data = 1121 ADA
- Partial Recovery Scenario: Representing 69% ADA recovery
- Slight Recovery Scenario: Representing 4% ADA recovery

We will move forward and engage with NEWCorp to obtain a signed promissory note for the debt repayment to SIATech.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

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

Erica Alfaro will be invited to the May board meeting. The Board will have an opportunity to discuss the position with Ms. Alfaro and ask questions during this time.

7. **Discussed** Superintendent Evaluation Committee Update

Esmeralda Lopez informed the Board on the status of this process and the expected timeline moving forward. Once Dr. Mims has completed his sections for each of the domains, Pricilla will send the draft evaluation to the committee. The committee will review the draft then forward to the entire Board for input. The evaluation draft will be completed at the May board meeting and presented during the June meeting, in closed session.

8. Calendar – *for information*

9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **May 17, 2022**

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

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

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:01 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

6/8/22

Date