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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
September 20, 2022**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS

Board Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chair Ross, board members present virtually were Esmeralda Lopez; Erica Alfaro; Don Haught; Terrance Mims; and Bobbie Arterberry III (arrived at 5:35 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 September 20, 2022 board meeting virtually:

***Ayes: 5** (Mims, Lopez, Alfaro, Haught, Ross)*

***Absent: 1** (Arterberry III) Board member Arterberry III 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 September 20, 2022
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2022
3. Comprehensive School Safety Plan

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4. Monthly Financials through August 31, 2022

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

5. Board Nominee Interview

The Board had an opportunity to discuss the position and ask questions of Board Member Nominee, Joe Herrity. Mr. Herrity shared his background and interest in serving on the Board. Dr. Mims will reach out to Mr. Herrity on next steps of the process and to prepare for installation at the October board meeting.

On a motion from Don Haught and seconded by Terrance Mims, the Board unanimously approved to accept Joe Herrity as the selected candidate for the Board vacancy.



6. Discussed Board Member Vacancy Process

The Board talked about the board member vacancy process – committee will review the applications, vet candidates, then bring nominee of choice to the larger board to determine final approval. Pricilla will send previously used list of attributes and rubric to the Board for review and input.

The Board Member Nominating Committee includes Esmeralda Lopez, Jane Ross and Terrance Mims.

7. Nomination/Election of Treasurer for 2022-2023

The Board decided to leave the Treasurer roll vacant until January 2023. Tom Renner, Chief Finance Officer for SIATech defaults as designated Treasurer until position is filled.

8. Calendar – *for information*

9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **October 18, 2022**

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. Installation of Board Candidate Joe Herrity
- c. Curriculum Update
- d. SIATech Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Protocol
- e. SAS Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Protocol
- f. Closed Session – Superintendent’s Contract

VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

10. Superintendent’s Report

a. Enrollment Update

Dr. Mims reviewed the current enrollment across the sites. Our enrollment continues to trend in the right direction at Job Corps Centers and enrolment at Independent Study sites is also improving. We are working to improve the current enrollment process using a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to engage potential students expressing interest in enrolling at SIATech.

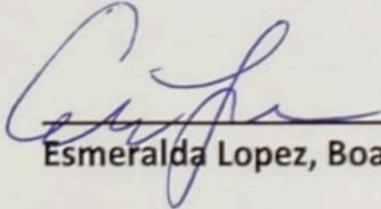
b. Legislative Update

In collaboration with our lobbying firm, Arc Strategies, we are seeking passage of legislation to designate SIATech and similarly situated-schools serving students that have dropped out of high school and are between 16 and 24 years of age without restriction. If successful, this would allow SIATech to serve students throughout the state in classroom-based or non-classroom based schools. It would also protect the schools from harmful legislation in the future that targets non-classroom based programs. We are working to engage key members of the Assembly to build support for our efforts and find a member to carry legislation for us.

VII. **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD** – Jane Ross shared a touching story of the impact we have on students and her personal experience of one in particular that began years ago.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – 6:58 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

10/27/22
Date