

# Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Board of Directors

# January 28, 2019

## Present Board Members Dr. Gary McHenry Paige Gorman

## Ann Clemmer

Staff  
Amy Johnson  
Bethany Johnson

Vanaja Duraiswamy

Karen Ghidotti

Ashley Holder

Kristin Allen

Amanda Felton

John Kramer

Lisa Short

Kim Wary  
  
Guests  
No guests present.

## Preliminary Items

Call to Order  
A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:04 p.m. on January 28, 2019 at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry.

Roll CallThe roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Approval of MinutesACTION: Paige Gorman motioned to approve all meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ann Clemmer and was approved unanimously as presented.

## Board Chair’s Report

## Statement of Financial Interest

Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry reminded board members the Statement of Financial Interest is due in to the state by January 31, 2019.

## Board Member Vacancy Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry updated the board on their progress in filling the vacancy. Head of School, Amy Johnson, Board Chair, Dr. Gary McHenry, and Karen Ghidotti are visiting with a potential board member, David Straessle, on Wednesday, January 30th.

**Action Agenda Items**

Testing Budget

Head of School, Amy Johnson presented the revised testing budget. It was called to the board’s attention that the prior approved budget was for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Johnson did say the revised budget is larger due to the increase of students. However, we do see a reduction in expenditures for the site technical evaluations compared to last year. Mrs. Johnson explained the reduction is due to a decrease of the tech support as we had a few testing sites that were not utilizing technical support.   
  
ACTION: Ann Clemmer made the motion to approve the Testing Budget as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**Head of School’s Report**

Destinations Career Academy Update

Head of School, Amy Johnson introduced Lisa Short (CTE Administrator) and Kim Wary (CTE Coordinator) to present the DCA information. Lisa Short thanked the board for the opportunity to have DCA as an option for students. ARVA is looking to add 6 pathways for the 2019-2020 school year. This will expand from one occupational area to 5. Destinations Career Academy also offers multiple programs to ARVA that schools do not have access to because of the cost. Mrs. Short was excited to share the Arkansas Career Tech Ed has reserved several vouchers and approved ARVA’s ability to test for Microsoft certification. Kim Wary discussed ARVA’s developing partnership with CTSOs (Career Technical Student Organizations): DECA, FFA (first ever virtual chapter), and Skills USA. Kim also presented ARVA’s Destination Career Academy Inaugural Advisory Council that will have further discussions about how we can better prepare our students as they graduate.

Monthly Board Report Data Review

Head of School, Amy Johnson walked the board through a quick look at the data she is currently sending to the board members monthly. Mrs. Johnson opened the floor for questions if further clarification was needed.

Board Training Requirement

Head of School, Amy Johnson presented that all board members have met their training requirement except for Stephen Davis whom we have received a notice of resignation from.

**Other Comments**

House Bill 1268

Ann Clemmer shared that the Right to Read Act Expansion is suggested to pass effective school year 2020. Academic Administrator, Kristin Allen is currently pursuing training and working through how we can provide the mandated training to our staff.

**Public Comments**None  
 **Adjournment**Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Gary McHenry at 4:59 PM.

**Minutes submitted by: Bethany Johnson – Operations Manager**

**Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School**