



Texas Center for Arts + Academics

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Location

Kathleen E. Connors Theater, Texas School of the Arts, 6025 Village Parkway, Edgecliff Village, TX 76134

Texas Center for Arts + Academics is the charter holder of two public schools:

- Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA)
- Texas School of the Arts (TeSA)

Directors Present

Anne Cox, Bill Lamkin, Edward Brown, Katie Copeland, Melissa Goodroe, Michael Wellbaum, Steven Johnson

Directors Absent

Beth Lamb, Linda Metcalf

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Edward Brown

Ex Officio Members Present

Angelic Poe, Clint Riley, Todd Nevitt

Non Voting Members Present

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Guests Present

Craig Shreckengast, Gail Hartsfield, Janelle Grau, Joe Morrow, Rob Hosier, Sheyna Ferraro, Stephen Madrid, Ted Neeb, CPA, Tina Corbitt

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Michael Wellbaum called a meeting of the board of directors of Texas Center for Arts + Academics to order on Tuesday Jan 17, 2017 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Bill Lamkin made a motion to approve minutes from Sept 27, 2016. Board Meeting on 09-27-16.

Melissa Goodroe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Bill Lamkin made a motion to approve minutes Board Meeting on 09-27-16.

Melissa Goodroe seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Finance

A. Presentation of FY2016 Audit

Bill Lamkin made a motion to approve the financial audit as presented by Ted Neeb, CPA.

Anne Cox seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Edward Brown arrived.

B. Financial Report - Sept, Oct, Nov

Clint Riley presented the financial reports for September 2016, October 2016 and November 2016. There were no questions. Michael Wellbaum accepted the reports and asked that they be filed for audit.

C. Approve payment for Phase 2, TeSA Playground

TeSA's PTO, staff, and students have been raising money for two years to purchase the second phase of their playground. They have earned enough to order the equipment and begin installation next month. The funds will be deposited and paid out through the organization.

Bill Lamkin asked for a reminder of what was included in Phase 1 and what would be included in Phase 2; Clint Riley explained and Bill was satisfied with the review.

Steven Johnson made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$28,120.60 to GameTime to pay for Phase 2 of TeSA's playground.

Anne Cox seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Other Business

A. Public Comments

No public comments.

IV. Governance

A. Bylaws

Anne Cox made a motion to approve changes in by-laws as presented.

Bill Lamkin seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Melissa Goodroe noted that, with 10 members on the Board, we are below the recommended target of 18 Directors. She encouraged all members to solicit capable candidates for consideration of a Board position. She further noted that, with such a small Board, attendance is critical to carry a quorum and conduct regular business at meetings.

Clint Riley expounded on the needs, missing skills, and competencies to be considered. We need Directors who 1) can make community connections, 2) have experience with capital projects (i.e. growth, acquisitions, capital campaign), and 3) are analytically minded such as lawyers and business leaders who can provide quality assessment and analysis. Prospective Directors need to help us to connect with resources while providing oversight to maintain the quality of our programs. Clint suggested that all Directors try to replicate themselves over the next 18 months to grow the Board and reach our goal.

Michael Welbaum noted that, due to severe illness, member Sylvia Dodson has been moved to inactive status.

A Get Well card was signed for Sylvia Dodson; Thank You cards for Board service were signed for Betty Bob Buckley, Anne Miller Tinsley and Matthew Geske.

V. Development

A. Gala - update report on Director participation

- 1) The spring Lunch and Learn (Arts + Eats) is only 5 weeks away, on Wednesday, February 22nd. This is a great opportunity to bring potential new Directors to introduce them to the organization.
- 2) The 2017 Gala is on Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm. Tables can be "Dutch treat," the table sponsor doesn't have to pay for the whole table. It is requested that every Director should sponsor a table, so that the community sees the highest level of commitment from the Board, and our goal is to sell out the event through table sales rather than individual tickets.
- 3) Two lists of potential sponsors were distributed, along with the sponsorship guide. Both Anne and Melissa have additional sponsorship packets, please contact them if you need more.
- 4) Deadline for names to be included as sponsors on the program is Friday, February 10th, 2017; the commitment forms must be received by that date, but the payments are not due until early March.
- 5) Anne is sending an "action items" list via email to all Board members, please reply quickly.

VI. Closing Items

A. Calendar Reminders

Michael Wellbaum asked the panel and school Principals to share any good news. Stephen Madrid and Gail Hartsfield reviewed the Faculty Talent Show held last week; they noted that about 780 people attended and approximately \$18,000 was raised.

B. Adjourn Meeting to Closed Session

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Wellbaum