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TEXAS CENTER FOR ARTS + ACADEMICS

Texas Center for Arts + Academics

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday June 27, 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 Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA) and Texas School of the Arts (TeSA).

Directors Present
Anne Cox, Beth Lamb, Bill Lamkin, Katie Copeland, Linda Metcalf, Melissa Goodroe, Michael Wellbaum, Steven Johnson

Directors Absent
Edward Brown

Ex Officio Members Present
Clint Riley, Robin Dotson, Todd Nevitt

Guests Present
Craig Shreckengast, Gail Hartsfield, Janelle Grau, Joe Morrow, Pamela King Acker, Sheyna Ferraro, Stephen Madrid, 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 Jun 27, 2017 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve minutes from March 28, 2017

Bill Lamkin made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 03-28-17 Board Meeting on 03-28-17.
Beth Lamb seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comments

No public was present and no public comments were made.

II. Governance

A. Approve Schedule for 2017-2018 Board Meetings

Anne Cox made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 schedule of meetings as proposed
Katie Copeland seconded the motion.
The Board voted unanimously to approve the schedule as written, none opposed.

B. 2017 Class - Director Election

Katie Copeland asked about term limits since these new Directors are being seated in a class whose term started September 1, 2016, and if they would be given any extension.
Clint Riley, President/CEO, responded that their first term would expire in a little more than two years on August 31, 2019, but that they would then be eligible for a full second term.
Melissa Goodroe made a motion to vote on the recommended three Directors to be seated in the 2017 Class as put forth by the Nominating Committee (Melissa Goodroe, Chair).
Bill Lamkin seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Criminal Justice Information System Policy

Katie Copeland made a motion to approve the CJIS Security policy as presented.
Anne Cox seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. FINANCE

A. Financial Reports: March 2017, April 2017, May 2017

President/CEO Clint Riley presented the financials for March, April, and May 2017, noting that all details will be discussed in the amendments. After review and discussion, Chairman Michael Wellbaum asked that the financial reports be filed for audit.

B. FY2017 Budget Amendments to Date

President/CEO Clint Riley reminded the Board that TEA regulations require amendments to budgets be approved when monies are not spent as planned. All ending actuals need to be within 10% of budget, and none over budget in order to pass audit review.
Linda Metcalf made a motion to approve the amendments as presented.
Beth Lamb seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. FY2018 Budgets (Sept 1, 2017 - Aug 31, 2018)

President/CEO Clint Riley presented the proposed FY2018 budget and asked for questions.

Beth Lamb asked about the significant decrease of activity fees. Clint noted that this is due to a procedural change at TeSA for next year. All performance/exhibit costs are being absorbed into the instructional budget and these activities will be mandatory and part of the grade calculation for students. This puts the priority back on the art and the school's mission.

Chairman Michael Wellbaum asked if there were further questions, there were none.

Anne Cox made a motion to approve the budgets as proposed.
Katie Copeland seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Good News Report

Committee member Todd Nevitt: The Texas Boys Choir (TBC) will perform at a wedding Saturday evening then will fly to China for their international tour. There is a free dress rehearsal concert at FWAFA in the theater on Friday at 1:30 p.m. He noted that we are in the process of hiring a new TBC Artistic Director and the boys enjoyed meeting the first of the final candidates earlier that day.
Craig Shreckengast, Principal: FWAFA was recognized as an Exemplary School by the Arts Schools Network and we are looking at getting accreditation through them.

Sheyna Ferraro, Dance Conservatory Director: this is the end of the 2nd year for the Conservatory.We have grown in both the numbers of students enrolled and in the number of classes taken by each student.
Board member Steve Johnson: asked for a report on college acceptances and scholarships. Gail Hartsfield, Student Services Director, responded that this information is self-reported by students so may not be comprehensive. She noted that there is a difference between the list of acceptances and the list of colleges that students are actually able to attend, due largely to financial concerns. Currently, there has been approximately $4.2 million awarded with a graduating class of 54 students. Gail will compile a report for the Board to include a list of colleges and the average scholarship amounts awarded by each.
Clint Riley, Pres/CEO: TBC Artistic Director update. There were 14 applicants total, five of whom were interviewed during the first round. The final 3 candidates will be on site for personal interviews on June 27, 28 and 29. All have been a director of choral ensembles and all have worked with boychoirs; we are now looking for the right fit. This needs to be someone who can both serve the students in the best way possible and focus on expansion and growth into the community. Board member Steve Johnson commented that this is a critical focus of our organization. Clint said that the goal is to make a public announcement during the middle of July.
Chairman Michael Wellbaum: presented Clint Riley with a gift of thanks for 5 years of excellent service.

V. Closing Items

A. 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