



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics

### Minutes

#### TCAA Session of the Board

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##### **Date and Time**

Friday November 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM

##### **Location**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88919156344>

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##### **Directors Present**

Charles Reid (remote), Daniel Bates (remote), Leslie Scott (remote), Leslie Wade (remote), Mary A. Zimmerman (remote), Melissa Goodroe (remote)

##### **Directors Absent**

Michael Wellbaum

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### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Paul Gravley (remote)

### **Non Voting Members Present**

Paul Gravley (remote)

### **Guests Present**

Penny Clay (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Melissa Goodroe called a meeting of the board of directors of Texas Center for Arts + Academics to order on Friday Nov 20, 2020 at 6:05 PM.

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

- No public comments were made.

## **III. Closed Session**

### **A. Convened to Closed Session at 6:07pm**

- Opened in Closed Session at 6:09pm
- Closed in Closed Session at 6:13pm

## **IV. Academics**

### **A. FWAFA Semester Exam Weight**

- Shift in the grading policy concerning final exams
  - Best for students
  - Make it equitable for in-person and at-home learners
- Current language indicates 10% of their semester grade will consist of a semester exam
- Change to: average 1st, 2nd, and 3rd six weeks grades for semester one grade and average 4th, 5th, and 6th six weeks grades for semester two grade rather than have a final exam for 10% of the grade

- Revised verbiage in the handbook would read:
  - SEMESTER AVERAGES Grades 3-12
    - The semester average should be the average of the first three or second three grading periods.

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve semester exam grading policy change.

Leslie Scott seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melissa Goodroe

### **B. CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE**