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Texas Center for Arts + Academics

Minutes

TCA+A Special Session of the Board

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Date and Time

Thursday July 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Location

Topic: TCA+A Special Session Meeting

Time: Jul 8, 2021 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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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), Michael Wellbaum (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Paul Gravley (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Paul Gravley (remote)

Guests Present

Anika Perkins (remote), Betsy Compton (remote), Janelle Grau (remote), Jennifer Jackson (remote), Lacey Gaymon (remote), Luke Byford (remote), Monica Sheehan (remote), Penny Clay (remote), Phillip Garrott (remote), Sheyna Ferraro (remote), Tommy Fisher (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Melissa Goodroe called a meeting of the board of directors of Texas Center for Arts + Academics to order on Thursday Jul 8, 2021 at 5:23 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

The following spoke in favor of a gender neutral dress code:

- Jamie Kiliany
 - speech included reading Sara Jackson's comments
- Blake Floyd
 - speech included reading Annaleigh Stone's comments
- Leslie Cook
- Karen Mueller
- Sheyna Ferraro
 - speech included reading Chanel Hurd's comments
- Sam Petty
 - speech included reading Ford Bruton's comments
- Allison Robinson

- speech included reading Ethan D'Spain's comments

III. Closed Session

A. Times

- Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:54pm
- Convened in Closed Session at 6:05pm
- Adjourned to Open Session at 6:50pm
- Convened in Open Session at 6:52pm

IV. Academics

A. FWAFA 2021-2022 Student Handbook

Charles Reid made a motion to approve the FWAFA 2021-2022 Student Handbook as presented by administration.

Leslie Scott seconded the motion.

- Mr. Gravley
 - Communication Policy
 - Virtual Learning - will not have as the State will not pay for it
 - Drop-off / Pick-up changes
 - Mask Mandate - per Governor's Executive Order mask will not be mandatory
 - Conservatory times for after school added
 - MTSS and RTI employee names changed to read titles instead
 - School Counselors aren't required by charter schools but we do have them
 - Class Credit outside of FWAFA
 - Gifted and Talented verbiage to match TEA's
 - Extracurricular eligibility
 - Promotion and Retention language change
 - Academic Honesty
 - School Clinic info
 - Celebratory Treats info
 - Updated performance attire for different programs
- Administration unanimously wants to keep dress code the same as gender neutral
- Motion passed 4 - 3

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

B. TeSA 2021-2022 Student Handbook

Charles Reid made a motion to approve the TeSA 2021-2022 Student Handbook as presented by administration.

Leslie Wade seconded the motion.

- Motion passed 4 - 3

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

C. Texas Boys Choir 2021-2022 Handbook

Charles Reid made a motion to approve Texas Boys Choir Student Handbook as presented by administration.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

Mr. Gravley

- Amount suggested for tour increased from \$2,500/participant to \$5,000/participate to represent funds needed for the Korea trip
- Grade eligibility to participate
- Dress code - removed items not being used anymore

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

D. Singing Girls of Texas 2021-2022 Handbook

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve the SGT 2021-2022 Student Handbook as presented by administration.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Mr. Gravley

- Amount suggested for tour increased from \$2,500/participant to \$5,000/participant to represent funds needed for the Korea trip
- Grade eligibility to participate
- Dress code - removed items not being used anymore

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 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Goodroe

B. CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE