



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics

### Minutes

#### TCA+A Board Meeting

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

Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM

##### **Location**

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

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**In-person Meeting Return:** *Governor Abbott's March 2020 order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act due to the COVID-19 pandemic disaster expired August 31, 2021. Consequently, **TCA+A Board Meetings** will return to in-person meetings at Texas School of the Arts.*

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##### **Directors Present**

Charles Reid, Leslie Scott, Leslie Wade, Mary A. Zimmerman, Melissa Goodroe

##### **Directors Absent**

Daniel Bates

##### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Paul Gravley

##### **Non Voting Members Present**

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Paul Gravley

### **Guests Present**

Anika Perkins, Betsy Compton, Janelle Grau, Lacey Gaymon, Luke Byford, Penny Clay, Phillip Garrott, Sheyna Ferraro, Tommy Fisher

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## **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 Tuesday Nov 16, 2021 at 6:12 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

- Luke Byford, TeSA PTO Representative and TeSA parent spoke
  - Ask the board to consider hybrid virtual and in-person board meetings to allow for more parent participation
  - Gladney Center for Adoption - thanks TCA+A for sending students to participate in Gladney Adoption Day; students dressed as Super Heroes

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approve September 21, 2021 Minutes**

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Board Meeting on 09-21-21.

Leslie Scott seconded the motion.

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

### **B. September 2021 Finance Statements**

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve September 2021 Finance Statements.

Leslie Scott seconded the motion.

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

## **IV. Financials**

### **A. FIRST Financial Management Reports**

- Mrs. Grau reported:

- Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices
- 2019-2020 data - always runs a year behind
  - TeSA - passed with an A Rating Superior Achievement; since 2015-2016 school year TeSA has achieved an A Superior Rating
  - FWAFA - passed with an A Rating Superior Achievement; since 2015-2016 school year FWAFA has achieved an A Superior Rating

## **B. FWAFA Roof Repair**

- Mr. Gravley reported:
  - Roof leaks every time it rains
  - Older church portion of the building; particular over the stage
  - Insurance Deductible is \$5,000
  - Estimates ranges (if paying cash) from \$80,000 to \$90,000
  - Request to engage insurance for roof repair using Texas Direct Roofing and Construction

Charles Reid made a motion to approve engaging insurance for roof repair using Texas Direct Roofing and Construction.

Leslie Wade seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Academics**

### **A. Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Scores**

- Mrs. Perkins reported:
  - All students have experienced some decline with their academics
  - MAP Assessment
    - Students will take a beginning, middle, and end of the year assessment
    - Staff will make a comparison of each timeframe to the next
  - Campuses are engaged in working to fill the gaps for individual students

### **B. FWAFA's Dyslexia Handbook**

- FWAFA was selected for a random audit by TEA for Dyslexia
  - Needed to incorporate a handbook for parents
  - TEA has just as of a few days ago updated their handbook so we will probably have to come back to the board with accommodations made to this handbook for approval once we receive TEA's updates
  - Stand alone handbook not included in our student handbook
  - FWAFA has 3 identified students and 8 students waiting to be tested

- Each campus has a dyslexia teacher

Leslie Scott made a motion to approve FWAFA's Dyslexia Handbook.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

### C. TeSA's Campus/District Improvement Plan

- Mrs. Perkins reported:
  - Reviewed the 2021-2022 Improvement Plan with the board
  - Format of the Improvement Plan has changed
    - Working to streamline process
    - Using DMAC program already
    - In DMAC their is a Campus/District Improvement Plan component
  - Randomly selected for Title IV validation
    - TeSA had to provide components of their improvement plan that relates to Title IV

Charles Reid made a motion to approve TeSA's 2021-2022 Campus/District Improvement Plan.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

### D. FWAFA's Campus/District Improvement Plan

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Charles Reid made a motion to approve FWAFA's 2021-2022 Campus/District Improvement Plan.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

## VI. CEO Report

### A. TCA+A Background Check Policy and Procedure

- New for TCA+A in writing
  - We've always been in compliance, we just have not had it officially in writing

Leslie Scott made a motion to approve the TCA+A Background Check Policy and Procedure.

Charles Reid seconded the motion.

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

## **B. Updates**

- TeSA & FWAFA have a combined 38 performances between now and the winter break
  - We are extending an invitation to you all for as many of these that you can attend
- (re)Fresh Program
  - Panic has been particularly difficult on teachers
  - Using ESSER Funds to provide professional mental health services for faculty and staff
  - Each faculty and staff member can choose to participate in up to 3 sessions that TCA+A will cover the cost of
- Audition Season
  - Online Auditions for the 2022-2023 school year
  - Took everything we learned last year and have implemented updates to this year's process (i.e. Rubric updates)
  - Two Virtual Open Houses and two Virtual Audition Workshops are coming in December and January
  - Specific recruitment focus is on Kindergarten at TeSA, 9th grade at FWAFA, and unchanged male voices at FWAFA (keep Treble section going as it is our legacy)

## **VII. Governance**

### **A. Elections and Transition of Board Officers**

Charles Reid made a motion to approve Leslie Scott as Board Secretary.

Leslie Wade seconded the motion.

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

## **VIII. 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 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melissa Goodroe

### **B.**

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

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

- Cash Analysis Board - September 2021.pdf
- TCA+A - September 2021.pdf
- FWAFA-September 2021.pdf
- TeSA-September 2021.pdf
- FWAFA FIRST Financial Management Report - final.pdf
- TeSA FIRST Financial Management Report - final.pdf
- BOY 6th Grade Report.pdf
- BOY 3rd Grade Report.pdf
- FWAFA Dyslexia Handbook 2021-2022.pdf
- TeSA's 21\_22 District\_Campus Improvement Plan.pdf
- FWAFA's 21-22 District\_Campus Improvement Plan.pdf
- Background Check Policy and Procedure.pdf