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**Minutes**

TCA+A Board Meeting - Audit Presentation

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday January 17, 2024 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**

Cheryl Bean, Daniel Bates, Leslie Scott, Mary A. Zimmerman, Melissa Goodroe (remote),  
Michael Wellbaum

**Directors Absent**

Charles Reid

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

Cheryl Bean, Melissa Goodroe

**Ex Officio Members Present**

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Anika Perkins

### **Non Voting Members Present**

Anika Perkins

### **Guests Present**

Betsy Compton, Celeste Filar, Jennifer Jackson, Jocelyn Greenman, Lacey Gaymon, Laura Kinkade, Penny Clay, Ryan Carter, Tommy Fisher

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

Leslie Scott called a meeting of the board of directors of Texas Center for Arts + Academics to order on Wednesday Jan 17, 2024 at 6:07 PM.

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

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

- No Public Comments were made.

## **III. Recognition**

### **A. TeSA Recognition**

Betsy Compton recognized the TeSO PTO Board members for their hardwork and dedication to TeSA in 2023-2024.

- Jessica Wozniak
- Brie Carlson
- Danielle Carter
- Sandra Houston
- Jessica Falcon
- Amy Singleterry
- Daisy Adebayo
- Alycia Bennet
- Ryan Carter
- Stacy Aguilar
- Jenna Smith
- Cami Lane
- LaQuetta Dawson

- Christie Nunnelee
- Rebecca Simicek
- Neidra McCoy

## **B. FWAFA Recognition**

Jennifer Jackson recognized students on state and national levels:

- Students who earned a place in the Southwestern Divisional American Choral Directors Association Honor Choir
  - Madelyn Prickett
  - Soleil Hines
  - Kolby Hribar
  - Cici Venzor
  - Abbey Davis
  - Sophia Salls
  - Novella Huynh
  - Sawyer Poe
  - Michelle Pearce
  - Gabrielle Jones
  - Rachel Williams
  - Savannah Solsbery
  - Meredith Martin
  - Londyn Jones
  - Janiris Caez-Mercado
  - Isabella Rojas
  - Chrisna Benson
  - Sophia Dominguez
  - Zamaya Widemon
  - Kendyl Johnson
  - Embry Stringer
  - Margaret Atkinson
  - Jayla Johnson
  - Destiny Nwaogwugwu
  - Virginia Szok
  - Clara Dean
  - Ryan Cox
  - Ezequiel Estes
  - Garrett Keith
  - Ethan Prickett
  - Jaxon Roby
  - Emory Silveus
  - Hadrian Silveus
  - James Stoner
- Students who earned a place in UIL's All-State Top Honor Choir

- Ethan Prickett
- Elijah Sones
- Michelle Pearce
- Texas Thespian State Recognitions
  - George Ledingham – State Thespian Officer
  - Meagan McMillin – State Thespian Ambassador
  - Bella Reale – Earned Texas Thespians State Honor for Playwriting
  - Liam Markland – Earned Texas Thespians State Honor for Playwriting
- Students selected to be part of the Texas Art Education Association’s Virtual Texas Association of School Board’s Exhibit
  - Ella Madis
  - Ramzi Starrett
  - Emeli Swain
- Chosen to be part of the 2023 Texas Art Education Association’s Youth Art Month Exhibition. Her work will be exhibited at the Bullock Texas State History Museum
  - Madelyn Bellamy
- New York City's School of Visual Arts had a global open call for photography and video for a contest called, 'We the Present: Today Begins the Future.' Only 43 works were selected.
  - Joshua Ideji

### C. TCA+A Recognition

Anika Perkins recognized TCA+A's Board of Directors for Board Appreciation Month with a gift of framed artwork created by TeSA student Celeste Segura and FWAFA student Isabella Morales:

- Leslie Scott
- Dan Bates
- Cheryl Bean
- Charles Reid
- Mac Zimmerman
- Michael Wellbaum
- Melissa Goodroe

Melissa Goodroe arrived at 6:27 PM.

## IV. Consent Agenda

### A. Approve November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Board Meeting on 11-28-23.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Daniel Bates	Aye
Mary A. Zimmerman	Aye
Leslie Scott	Aye
Melissa Goodroe	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Absent
Michael Wellbaum	Aye
Charles Reid	Absent

**B. Finance Statements**

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve October 2023 and November 2023 finance statements.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Cheryl Bean	Absent
Melissa Goodroe	Aye
Daniel Bates	Aye
Leslie Scott	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Aye
Charles Reid	Absent
Mary A. Zimmerman	Aye

**V. Finance**

**A. Presentation of the FY2023 Audit**

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve the FY2023 Financial and Compliance Audit Report.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Ted Neeb of Freemon, Shapard, & Story presented the FY2023 Audit Report

- Clean Audit - no findings

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

**Roll Call**

Daniel Bates	Aye
Mary A. Zimmerman	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Aye
Charles Reid	Absent
Leslie Scott	Aye
Melissa Goodroe	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Absent

**VI. Closed Session**

### A. Convene to Closed Session

Convene to Closed Session

- Closed Open Session at 6:53pm
- Opened in Closed Session at 6:58pm and closed in Closed Session at 8:18pm

Cheryl Bean arrived at 7:10 PM.

### B. Reconvene to Open Session

- Reconvened to Open Session at 8:24pm

### C. Action Item

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve and authorize Acting CEO Anika Perkins and our school attorney Tommy Fisher to engage in mediation with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights on the pending matter filed by the ACLU.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

## VII. Academics

### A. Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)

Anika Perkins presented 2022-2023 TAPR information:

- TeSA
  - 2019 to present - ratings have not been released; TEA is still in litigation with ISDs
  - 2022
    - First Rating - A Superior
    - Accountability Rating - B
    - Accrediation Status - Accredited
  - No Violent and Criminal Incidents
  - Glow: Met or exceeded the state percentages
  - Grow: Improve students from Approaches to Meets and Masters
  - 100% of students participated in STAAR assessment
  - Student Attrition - 21.1% (lose students who get into FWFA in 3rd - 5th grades)
  - Staff Attrition - 30.8%
- FWFA
  - 2019 to present - ratings have not been released; TEA is still in litigation with ISDs
  - 2022
    - First Rating - A Superior

- Accountability Rating - A
- Accrediation Status - Accredited
- No Violent and Criminal Incidents
- Glow:
  - Met or exceeded the state percentages
  - ACT & SAT scores exceeded the state
  - Out scored state and region in preparing students to be College Ready - 66.1% students
  - Dual Course Credits - 19.6% students participated
- Grow:
  - Improve students from Approaches to Meets and Masters
  - Improve AP testing scores
- 100% of students participated in STAAR assessment
- Student Attrition - 21.0% (lose students to traditional high schools)
- Staff Attrition - 31.3%

## VIII. CEO Report

### A. Updates

Anika Perkins reported:

- Virtual Open House was January 10th - officially our 2024-2025 open enrollment has started
  - Application timeframe: January 10, 2024 - February 12, 2024
- Two donations so far this month
  - \$25,000 awarded from Crystelle Waggoner Charitable Trust Foundation
  - \$3,000 awarded from Merck Foundation
- After 7 years of negotiations, the city of Edgecliff Village has approved and accepted the TeSA School Zone agreement
  - put in place by the end of this school year
- FWAFA - Visual Arts' Juried Art Show reception is February 1st at 5pm
- The spring TEA mandated Safety and Security Committee meeting will be January 23, 2024 at 5:30pm at FWAFA

## IX. 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 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Scott

### B.

## CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

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### Documents used during the meeting

- TCA+A Nov 2023 Income Stmt.pdf
- TeSA Nov 2023 Income Stmt.pdf
- TeSA Oct 2023 Income Stmt.pdf
- Cash Analysis - Oct 2023.pdf
- FWAFA Nov 2023 Income Stmt.pdf
- TCA+A Oct 2023 Income Stmt.pdf
- Cash Analysis Nov 2023.pdf
- FWAFA Oct 2023 Income Stmt.pdf
- Audit Presentation 1-16-2024.pdf
- TeSA TAPR 2022-2023.pdf
- FWAFA TAPR 2022-2023.pdf