



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics

### Minutes

#### TCA+A Board Meeting

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

Tuesday March 26, 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**

Daniel Bates, Leslie Scott, Mary A. Zimmerman, Michael Wellbaum

##### **Directors Absent**

Charles Reid, Cheryl Bean, Melissa Goodroe

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

Anika Perkins

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

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Anika Perkins

### **Guests Present**

Betsy Compton, Flor Cabrera, Kati Burke, Krista Langford, Penny Clay, Tommy Fisher, Torie Skinner

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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 Tuesday Mar 26, 2024 at 6:06 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 TeSA's fine arts staff for their hard work in the school's admission's process:

- Kelsey Kilgore - theatre
- Aly Grober - visual art
- Jennifer Seabrooke - dance
- Zachary Brasfield - music

### **B. FWAFA Recognition**

Jennifer Jackson recognized students who placed in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden's Butterflies in the Garden Exhibition:

- Elisabeth McNary- 1st Place - High School - Medium: Acrylic
- Madelyn Bellamy - 1st Place - Middles School - Medium: Color Pencil
- Fatima Vallin-Olmos - 2nd Place - High School - Medium Acrylic
- Charlotte Johnston - 4th Place - High School - Medium: Sculpture
- Virginia Szok - 5th Place - Middle School - Medium: Acrylic
- Alicia Everett - 5th Place - High School - Medium: Sculpture
- Nadia Johnson - Honorable Mention - Middle School - Medium: Acrylic

- Eloise Horton - Honorable Mention - Middle School - Medium: Watercolor

#### **IV. Consent Agenda**

##### **A. Approve February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Special Session of the Board - Hold in Case of Urgent Action on 02-27-24.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

##### **B. Finance Statements**

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve December 2023 Finance Statements.

Daniel Bates seconded the motion.

- These were discussed later in the meeting during VI. Finance section.

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

#### **V. Closed Session**

##### **A. Convene to Closed Session**

- Closed Open Session at 6:15pm
- Opened in Closed Session at 6:17pm

##### **B. Reconvene to Open Session**

- Closed Closed Session at 7:14pm
- Opened in Open Session at 7:18pm

##### **C. Action Item**

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve and appoint Ankia Perkins as TCA+A's new Chief Executive Officer/President and Superintendent.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

#### **VI. Finance**

##### **A. 2024-2025 Budget Calendar**

- CFO, Kati Burke, went over the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar

##### **B.**

### **Proposed 2024-2025 Compensation Schedule**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Compensation Schedule.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Academics**

### **A. TeSA EMAT Allotment and TEKS Certification**

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve TeSA's EMAT Allotment and TEKS Certification.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

### **B. FWAFA EMAT Allotment and TEKS Certification**

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve FWAFA's EMAT Allotment and TEKS Certification.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

### **C. TeSA Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Application Expansion**

Daniel Bates made a motion to approve TeSA's Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Application Expansion.

Mary A. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

### **D. FWAFA Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Application Expansion**

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve FWAFA's Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) Application Expansion.

Daniel Bates seconded the motion.

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

### **E. 2024-2025 Academic Calendar**

Mary A. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

## **VIII. CEO Report**

### **A. Updates**

- 2024-2025 Enrollment

- TeSA - goal is 374 students enrolled - 82 new students were accepted and there are 30 spots remaining in Kinder, 1st, 3rd, and 5th
  - 323 currently enrolled for 2023-2024
- FWAFA - goal is 635 students enrolled - 123 new students were accepted and there are 24 spots remaining in 4th and 11th
  - 619 currently enrolled for 2023-2024
- 2024 Annual Campaign
  - \$24,817.05 raised as of today
  - Board Challenge - they will double the match of what staff contribute
- SGT Nordic Tour
  - visited and performed in Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Sweden
  - premiered Composer in Residence Sarah Quartel's masterwork
- Spring Performances
  - April - state testing
  - April 12th - TeSA
    - @ 5:30pm kindergartener performance
    - @ 7:00pm 1st grade performance
  - March 27th & 28th - FWAFA's Elementary performance of Camp Fame
  - April 14th - TBC will sing the National Anthem at Texas Motor Speedway for Nascar
  - April 5th & 6th FWAFA's high school Cabaret performance

## 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 8:12 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 Compensation Plan Proposed for 2024-2025.pdf
- TeSA Allotment Summary.pdf
- TeSA Certification-of-provision-of-instructional-materials-survey-2024-2025.pdf
- FWAFA Allotment Summary.pdf
- FWAFA Certification-of-provision-of-instructional-materials-survey-2024-2025.pdf
- TeSA 2024-2025 Modifications.pdf

- FWAFA 2024-2025 Modifications.pdf
- Proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar.pdf