



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics

### Minutes

#### TCA+A Board Meeting

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

Tuesday September 24, 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 (remote), Michael Wellbaum

##### **Directors Absent**

None

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

Anika Perkins

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

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Anika Perkins

### **Guests Present**

Allyson Grand, Amy Prickett, Betsy Compton, Blake Anderson, Clayton Cooper, Dean Micknal, Flor Cabrera, Jennifer Jackson, Krista Langford, Lacey Gaymon, Penny Clay, Torie Skinner

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

Daniel Bates called a meeting of the board of directors of Texas Center for Arts + Academics to order on Tuesday Sep 24, 2024 at 6:07 PM.

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

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

Two Public Comments were made:

1. Patricia Baumann
2. Allyson Grand

## **III. Student and Staff Recognition**

### **A. TeSA Recognition**

Betsy Compton recognized the following students for being Greeters at the 2024 TCA+A Gala:

- Jacyn Crosby-Sanders
- Lucy Garza
- Leo Garza
- Kyler Parsons
- Judah Cole
- Ember Yarbrough
- Ruby Gray
- Finn Gray

### **B. TeSA Student Performance Video**

Betsy Compton showed a video collage of TeSA students' 2023-2024 performances, including one from TCA+A's summer camps.

### **C. FWAFa Recognition**

Jennifer Jackson recognized the following students and staff for their Texas Thespians' 2023-2024 Honor Troupe designation for the third year in a row:

- Troupe 6391 Student Officers
  - George Ledingham
  - Ava Martin-Sanchez
  - Ami Creedon
  - Noah Cass
  - Parker Wooten
  - Charlotte Johnston
  - Meagan McMillin
  - Emily Segura
- Troupe 6391 Staff Sponsors
  - Rebecca Magnus
  - Darla Jones

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

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

Leslie Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Board Meeting - Annual Meeting on 08-27-24.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

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

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the July 2024 finance statements.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

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

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

- Closed Open Session at 6:33pm
- Opened in Closed Session at 6:37pm

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

- Closed Closed Session at 7:18pm
- Reconvened Open Session at 7:23pm

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

- No action taken

## **VI. Finance**

### **A. Frost Bank Security Agreement**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the Frost Bank Security Agreement.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Frost Bank Depository Agreement**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the Frost Bank Depository Agreement.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

### **C. TCA+A Lease Agreement for TeSA**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve TCA+A's Lease Agreement for TeSA.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

### **D. TCA+A Lease Agreement for FWAFA**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve TCA+A's Lease Agreement for FWAFA.

Leslie Scott seconded the motion.

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

### **E. TCA+A 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Amendments**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve TCA+A's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Amendments.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

### **F. TeSA 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Amendments**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve TeSA's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Amendments.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

### **G. FWAFA 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Amendments**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve FWAFA's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Amendments.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Academics**

## A. TeSA's Preliminary Accountability Ratings

Betsy Compton reported:

- Overall - 83% B Rating
  - Student Achievement - 83% rating
  - School Progress - 85% rating
  - Closing the Gap - 78% rating

## B. TeSA District Improvement Plan/Campus Improvement Plan

Betsy Compton reported:

- 2024-2025 Goals
  - During the 2024-2025 school year, all students will make one year's academic growth.
  - TeSA will retain the majority of all hired teachers and staff from the 2024-2025 to the 2025-2026 academic year.
  - During the 2024-2025 school year, TeSA will provide a safe and nurturing environment for students, teachers, and staff.
  - During the 2024-2025 academic year, TeSA will maintain financial efficiency and integrity.
  - During the 2024-2025 school year, TeSA will increase parent and community engagement.
- 2024-2025 vs 2023-2024
  - New state-adopted Science TEKS and materials
  - New state-adopted Technology TEKS and online program
  - Best Practices aligned with Teach Like a Champion training
  - Focus on Specials Programs
  - Therapy dog on campus for social/emotional support and incentives
  - Interactive smart boards in all academic classrooms

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve TeSA's District Improvement Plan/Campus Improvement Plan.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

## C. FWAFA's Preliminary Accountability Ratings

Jennifer Jackson reported:

- Overall - Elementary 81% B Rating
  - Student Achievement - 83% rating
  - School Progress - 59% rating
  - Closing the Gap - 76% rating
- Overall - Secondary 86% B Rating

- Student Achievement - 85% rating
- School Progress - 82% rating
- Closing the Gap - 88% rating

#### **D. FWAFA District Improvement Plan/Campus Improvement Plan**

Jennifer Jackson reported:

- 2024-2025 Goals
  - We will increase student achievement.
  - We will provide effective instruction to all students.
  - We will retain high quality teachers.
  - Will will maintain a safe and nurturing environment for students.
  - We will maintain financial efficiency and integrity.
- New for 2024-2025
  - Hired an elementary instructional coach
  - Started targeted tutoring already instead of waiting until 2nd semester
  - Focusing on mathematical fluency in younger grades
  - WIN Time (What I Need) implemented in grades 3-6
  - Compensation scale for teachers and Teacher Incentive Allotment
  - Teacher Stipends for extra duties
  - FWAFA Proud Core Values - Friday snack cart for students
  - Increased the number of cameras in the building
  - Student device monitoring, internet filtering, out of class passes, etc.

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve FWAFA's District Improvement Plan/Campus Improvement Plan.

Leslie Scott seconded the motion.

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

#### **E. TeSA 2024-2025 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan and Cybersecurity Annex**

Anika Perkins reported:

- 2024-2025 Emergency Operations Plan addition:
  - Cybersecurity annex
    - The annex establishes the policies and procedures under which the district will operate in the event of a cybersecurity incident by addressing planning and operational actions for the five phase of emergency management (prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery) regarding actual or potential cyber-related threats and attacks to the distict.
    - It applies to the whole district community and all district property.

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve TeSA's 2024-2025 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan and Cybersecurity Annex.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

**F. FWAFA 2024-2025 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan and Cybersecurity Annex**

Anika Perkins reported:

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    - It applies to the whole district community and all district property.

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve FWAFA's 2024-2025 Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan and Cybersecurity Annex.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

**G. TCA+A Records Management Policy**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve position change for Records Management Officer from Executive Assistant to CEO/President & Superintendent in the Records Management Policy.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

**VIII. Governance**

**A. Proposed Board of Director Member: Wes Poole**

Leslie Scott made a motion to approve Wes Poole's candidacy for TCA+A's board of directors.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

**B. Proposed Board of Director Member: Steven Jones**

- Tabled this vote until all sitting board members have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Jones.

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### **Proposed Board of Director Member: Richard Allen**

- Tabled this vote until all sitting board members have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Allen.

## **IX. CEO Report**

### **A. Updates**

Anika Perkins reported:

- North Texas Giving Day raised \$6,698.00
- Anna W. & Alexander P. Thornton Charitable Trust grant received for transportation upgrades in the amount of \$7,000.00
- Current 2024-2025 Enrollment Numbers - still auditioning
  - TeSA - 334 students
  - FWAFA - 664 students (251 Elementary and 413 Secondary)
- Superintendent Advisory Councils
  - meeting with a group of students at both districts monthly to get their input as stakeholders
  - met with TeSA students on the 10th and will meet will meet with FWAFA secondary this Thursday and FWAFA elementary next month

## **X. 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel Bates

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