APPROVED

Texas Center for Arts + Academics

Minutes

TCA+A Board Meeting

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

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.*

Directors Present
Cheryl Bean, Daniel Bates, Leslie Scott (remote), Michael Wellbaum

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
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 candidancy 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.

C. 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