



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics

### Minutes

#### TCA+A Board Meeting - Audit Presentation

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

Tuesday January 21, 2025 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, Michael Wellbaum, Steven Jones, Wes Poole

##### **Directors Absent**

Leslie Scott, Myong Chong

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

Anika Perkins

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

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Anika Perkins

### **Guests Present**

Amy Prickett, Betsy Compton, Blake Anderson, Dean Micknal, Flor Cabrera, Jennifer Jackson, Jocelyn Greenman, 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 Jan 21, 2025 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 and Performance**

Mrs. Compton recognized:

- Leo Garza for having his artwork selected for the FW Stock Show

### **B. FWAFA Recognition**

Dr. Jackson recognized:

- Virginia Szok - artwork chosen by the Youth Art Month Committee for the Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month Spring Exhibition 2025; it will be displayed at the Capitol
- Samantha Ikeda - selected to All-State Choir
- Darla Jones - inducted into the Texas Thespians Educator Hall of Fame
- Student Finalist in Stage's West's Neighborhood Play Contest:
  - **YOUTH FINALISTS - MONOLOGUES**
    - Burger Addict, Mikayla Wal
    - Cat, Leah Venegas
    - Dig Deeper, Lilah Hernandez
    - Godzilla and King Kong, Samantha Rios
    - Hope, Alden Mukum
    - Mimi, Elizabeth Simoneau

- Mind Saying Sorry, Makenna Miller
- Trying, Rebekah Leaverton
- **YOUTH FINALISTS - SCENES**
  - Candy Thief, Melody Kim
- **TEEN FINALISTS - MONOLOGUES**
  - *One Perfect Rose*, Jade Jennings
  - *The Eggenburg County Poultry Festival*, Piper Smith
  - *The Last Train*, Isaac Petty Gonzalez
  - *The Vulture*, Olivia Johnson
  - *Words of a Cup*, Zoie Boone
- **TEEN FINALISTS - SCENES**
  - *A Purr-fect Performance*, Ruby Watson
  - *Banned*, Morgan Holderfield
- **TEEN FINALISTS - PLAYS**
  - *Villains Anonymous*, Brett Martin

#### **C. TCA+A Recognition**

Dr. Perkins recognized the TCA+A Board Members for January's Board Appreciation Month with a Texas Boys Choir CD recording and a card:

- Dan Bates
- Cheryl Bean
- Myong Chong
- Steven Jones
- Wes Poole
- Leslie Scott
- Michael Wellbaum

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

##### **A. Approve November 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Board Meeting on 11-19-24.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

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

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the October 2024 and November 2024 finance statements.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

#### **V. Finance**

#### **A. Presentation of the FY2024 Audit**

- Ted Neeb from Freemon, Shapard, & Story presented the FY2024 Audit Report

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the FY2024 Audit Report with the deletion of footnote #22 and the update of the date to January 21, 2025.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

#### **B. Financial & Transition Authority Resolution**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the Financial & Transition Authority Resolution.

Wes Poole seconded the motion.

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

#### **C. Wealth Management & Trust Accounts Authority Resolution**

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the Wealth Management & Trust Accounts Authority Resolution.

Cheryl Bean seconded the motion.

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

### **VI. Closed Session**

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

- Closed Open Session at 7:23pm
- Opened in Closed Session at 7:26pm

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

- Closed Closed Session at 8:14pm
- Reconvened Open Session at 8:19pm

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

- No Action Taken

### **VII. Academics**

#### **A. 2023-2024 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)**

Dr. Perkins reported:

- TeSA's Report - Enrolled Membership 332 Students
  - Accountability Summary

- 2020 & 2021 - no rating due to COVID
  - 2022 - B (86%) rating
  - 2023 & 2024 - no rating due to pending litigations around accountability systems in the state
- 2023-2024 Budgeted Financial Data is broken down
- 2022-2023 Accrediation Status
  - 2022-2023 FIRST Rating - A Superior Achievement Rating
  - 2022-2023 Accountibility Rating - B
  - 2022-2023 - Accredited
  - 2023-2024 - TEA has not issued any school in the state an Accrediation Status due to the pending Accountability Rating litigations
- 2023-2024 Violent & Criminal Incidents - none reported
- 2024 Special Educaiton - Meets Requirements
- TAPR
  - 2023-2024 STAAR Performance/Progress data
  - 2023-2024 Bilingual Education/English as a Second Language data
  - 2023-2024 STAAR Participation data
  - 2023-2024 Attendance data
  - 2023-2024 Student Information data
  - 2023-2024 Staff Information data
- Glows
  - 5th Reading Reading - 100% at Approaches level
  - 5th Math - 99% at the Meets level
  - For most of the grade levels we are excelling the state and region at the Approaches level
- Grows
  - 4th Math needs to improve
  - Improve our passing rates at Meets and Masters levels
- FWAFAs Report - Enrolled Membership 654 Students
  - Accountability Summary
    - Elementary Ratings
      - 2020 & 2021 - no rating due to COVID
      - 2022 - B (87%) rating
      - 2023 & 2024 - no rating due to pending litigations around accountability systems in the state
    - Middle/High School Ratings
      - 2020 & 2021 - no rating due to COVID
      - 2022 - B (89%) rating : Distinctions in ELAR, Comparative Academic Growth and Post Readiness
      - 2023 & 2024 - no rating due to pending litigations around accountability systems in the state
    - Overall District Ratings

- 2020 & 2021 - no rating due to COVID
- 2022 - A (93%) rating
- 2023 & 2024 - no rating due to pending litigations around accountability systems in the state
- 2023-2024 Budgeted Financial Data is broken down
- 2022-2023 Accreditation Status
  - 2022-2023 FIRST Rating - A Superior Achievement Rating
  - 2022-2023 Accountability Rating - A
  - 2022-2023 - Accredited
  - 2023-2024 - TEA has not issued any school in the state an Accreditation Status due to the pending Accountability Rating litigations
- 2023-2024 Violent & Criminal Incidents - 13 students received In School Suspension
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board information- FY2023 Graduates
- 2024 Special Education - Meets Requirements
- 2024 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test - not offered
- TAPR
  - 2023-2024 STAAR Performance/Progress data
  - 2023-2024 Bilingual Education/English as a Second Language data
  - 2023-2024 STAAR Participation data
  - 2023-2024 Attendance, Graduation, and Dropout Rates data
  - 2023-2024 College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) data
  - 2023-2024 CCMR - Related Indicators
  - 2023-2024 Student Information data
  - 2023-2024 Staff Information data

## **B. Report of Intruder Detection Audit Findings for Texas School of the Arts**

Dr. Perkins reported

- Finding for TeSA
  - A secondary door did not latch due to shift in foundation caused by the weather
  - Required to present this finding to the board and then TeSA has 60 days to create a corrective action plan

## **VIII. CEO Report**

### **A. Updates**

Dr. Perkins updates:

- Country Day School donated desks and instructional supplies to TeSA
- Student, Virginia Szok - artwork will be on display at the State Capitol in March

- FWAFA Theatre Teacher, Darla Jones - inducted into the Texas Thespians Hall of Fame
- FWAFA
  - named a Texas Thespians Community for 2024-2025
  - U.S. News & World Report - recognized in National Rankings
  - named as one of the Best Middle Schools in the Country
- Conservatories - 176 students / Winter Workshops - 24 students
- 207 applications as of today for 2025-2026 open enrollment auditions
- Thank you to Wes Poole for his generous donation to TCA+A
- February 7th - next scheduled Safety and Security Committee meeting

## **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 8:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel Bates

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