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TEXAS CENTER FOR ARTS + ACADEMICS

# Texas Center for Arts + Academics

# Minutes

## TCA+A Board Meeting

Regular Scheduled Meeting

**Date and Time**
Monday November 17, 2025 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**
John Bolser, Leslie Scott, Michael Wellbaum, Myong Chong, Wes Poole

**Directors Absent**
Cheryl Bean, Steven Jones

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**
Myong Chong

**Ex Officio Members Present**

Anika Perkins

**Guests Present**
Amber Ledbetter, Dean Micknal, Flor Cabrera, Jocelyn Greenman, Kiera Wallace, Krista Langford, Lacey Gaymon, Penny Clay, 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 Monday Nov 17, 2025 at 6:03 PM.

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

## II. Public Comments

### A. Public Comments

- There were no Public Comments made

## III. Student/Staff Recognition

### A. TeSA Recognition

Ms. Wallace recognized the following staff for their dedication to students and fellow staff members to make TeSA better:

- Caitlin Jackson
- Daphne Meacham
- Kayla Reaves

### B. FWAFA Recognition

Ms. Ledbetter recognized:

- Students for excelling academically and artistically while demonstrating FWAFA PROUD
  - Piper Smith
  - Michael Rodriguez
- November Teachers of the Month
  - Karen Mueller
  - Abbey Reinhart

Myong Chong arrived.

## IV. Consent Agenda

### A. Approve October 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Board Meeting - Special Session on 10-20-25.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |

### B. Approve October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Special Session Meeting - Hold In Case of Urgent Action on 10-27-25.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |

### C. Finance Statements

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve October 2025 finance statements.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |

## V. Closed Session

### A. Convene to Closed Session

- Closed Open Session at 6:14pm
- Convened in Closed Session at 6:17pm

### B. Reconvene to Open Session

- Closed Closed Session at 7:10pm
- Reconvened Open Session at 7:15pm

### C. Action Item

- No action was taken

## VI. Academics

### A. PG-3.202 Compulsory Attendance

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-3.202 Compulsory Attendance policy. Myong Chong seconded the motion.

- Dr. Perkins presented the policy details

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

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |

### B. PG-3.203 Attendance Accounting

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-3.203 Attendance Accounting policy. Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

- Dr. Perkins presented the policy details and the potential edits

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

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Myong Chong | Aye |

### C. PG-3.204 Attendance Enforcement

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-3.204 Attendance Enforcement policy. Wes Poole seconded the motion.

- Dr. Perkins presented the policy details
- Mr. Wellbaum asked about the safety of the principals serving as Attendance Officers
- Dr. Perkins assured him that for safety reasons if a principal needed to make a home visit a security officer would accompany the principal

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

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |

### D. PG-3.205 Attendance for Credit

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-3.205 Attendance for Credit policy. Myong Chong seconded the motion.

- Dr. Perkins presented the policy details

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

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |

### E. PG-3.206 Attendance - Released Time Courses

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-3.206 Attendance - Released Time Courses policy.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

- Dr. Perkins presented the policy details

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

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |

## VII. Finance

### A. PG-5.021 Authorization for the Obligation and Expenditure of Funds

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-5.021 Authorization for the Obligation and Expenditure of Funds policy.
Myong Chong seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details and potential edits

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

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |

### B. PG-5.030 Allowable and Prohibited Uses of Funds

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-5.030 Allowable and Prohibited Uses of Funds policy.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman read through the policy details and potential edits

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

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |

### C. PG-5.120 Grant Accounting

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-5.120 Grant Accounting policy.
Myong Chong seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details with no potential edits

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

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Wes Poole | Aye |

### D. PG-5.220 Corporate Credit Accounts

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-5.220 Corporate Credit Accounts policy.
Myong Chong seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details and potential edits

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

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |

### E. PG-5.320 Investment of Funds

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-5.320 Investment of Funds policy.

Wes Poole seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details with no potential edits

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

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |

### F. PG-5.520 Criminal History Checks for Contracted Services

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-5.520 Criminal History Checks for Contracted Services policy.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details with no potential edits

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

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |

### G. PG-5.510 Purchasing and Contracting

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-5.510 Purchasing and Contracting policy.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details and potential edits

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

**Roll Call**

| | |
|---|---|
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |

## H. PG-5.110 Accounts Payable

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve PG-5.110 Accounts Payable policy.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.

- Mrs. Greenman presented the policy details and potential edits

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

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |

## I. 2025-2026 TeSA Budget Amendment

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 TeSA Budget Amendment.
Myong Chong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |

## J. 2025-2026 FWAFA Budget Amendment

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 FWAFA Budget Amendment with suggested edit of reflecting $58K in the revenue.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| Wes Poole | Aye |
| John Bolser | Aye |
| Michael Wellbaum | Aye |
| Leslie Scott | Aye |
| Steven Jones | Absent |

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| Myong Chong | Aye |
| Cheryl Bean | Absent |

### K. FIRST Financial Management Reports

Mrs. Greenman presented the reports and ratings:

- Texas School of the Arts received a 95 A - Superior Achievement
  - actual average ADA within 10% of the annual estimated ADA
- Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts received an 86 B - Above Standard Achievement
  - the number of days of cash on hand and current investments sufficient enough to cover operating expenses
  - debt service coverage ratio sufficient to meet the required debt service

## VIII. CEO Report

### A. Updates

Dr. Perkins reported:

- 2026 Niche Ratings
  - TeSA
    - 38 out of 453 best public charter elementaries in Texas
    - 48 out of 4,317 public elementary schools in Texas
    - 642 out of 4,647 best public elementary schools in Texas
  - FWAFA Elementary
    - 37 out of 453 charter elementaries in Texas
    - 593 out 4,647 best public elementary schools in Texas
  - FWAFA Secondary
    - 7 out 51 high schools for the arts in Texas
    - 46 out of 318 best charters in Texas
    - 305 out of 1,439 best college prep public high schools in Texas
  - FWAFA District
    - 62 out of 876 best school districts in Texas
- Awarded Grants
  - TEA or Department of Education grants completed by Dr. Perkins
  - All other grants are completed by Development Director, Torie Skinner
    - this semester thus far she has received $58K in grants
    - amended her agreement to reflect a bonus based on the amount of grants she brings in
- CCT and TBC performed at the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas' Centennial Celebration
  - over 50,000 people in attendance

    - performed with Grammy-winning artist Andra Day at the special Patron Dinner
- Holiday Concerts and Performances
    - November 18th - TeSA's Kinder & 1st graders
    - November 20th - TBC at Fort Worth Botanic Garden's Lightscape
    - TCA+A's website gives a list of all the many upcoming performances through the end of December
- TCA+A Employee Food Drive
    - collecting non-perishable items for employees for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals
    - Dr. Perkins donating a turkey to go with each food basket donated

## 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 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Scott

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

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- FWAFA OCT 2025 INCOME STMT.pdf
- TCA+A OCT 2025 INCOME STMT.pdf
- Cash Analysis Board - OCT 2025.pdf
- TeSA OCT 2025 INCOME STMT.pdf
- PG-3.202 Compulsory Attendance 2025 11 17.pdf
- PG-3.203 Attendance Accounting 2025 11 17.pdf
- PG-3.204 Attendance Enforcement 2025 11 17.pdf
- PG-3.205 Attendance for Credit 2025 11 17.pdf
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- PG-5.110 Accounts Payable 2025 11 17.pdf
- TESA NOV AMENDMENTS 11.10.25 BUDGET PROJECTIONS 25-26.pdf
- FWAFA Nov Amendments 11.10.25 BUDGET PROJECTIONS 25-26.pdf
- FWAFA FIRST Financial Management Report FY2024.pdf
- TeSA FIRST Financial Management Report FY2024.pdf