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Texas Center for Arts + Academics

**Minutes**

TCA+A Board Meeting

Regular Scheduled Meeting

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**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

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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**

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**

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Anika Perkins

### **Non Voting 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

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

##### 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

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

##### 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

Wes Poole	Aye
Myong Chong	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Absent

**Roll Call**

Steven Jones	Absent
Leslie Scott	Aye
John Bolser	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**

Cheryl Bean	Absent
Myong Chong	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Aye
Leslie Scott	Aye
Steven Jones	Absent
John Bolser	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**

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

**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**

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

Wes Poole	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Absent
John Bolser	Aye
Leslie Scott	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Aye
Steven Jones	Absent

**Roll Call**

Myong Chong      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**

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

**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**

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

**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**

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

**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**

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

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

**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**

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

Leslie Scott	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Aye

**Roll Call**

Cheryl Bean	Absent
Myong Chong	Aye
Wes Poole	Aye
Steven Jones	Absent
John Bolser	Aye

**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**

Leslie Scott	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Absent
John Bolser	Aye
Wes Poole	Aye
Myong Chong	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	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**

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

**J. 2025-2026 FWFA Budget Amendment**

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 FWFA 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**

Michael Wellbaum	Aye
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### Roll Call

Myong Chong	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Absent
John Bolser	Aye
Steven Jones	Absent
Leslie Scott	Aye
Wes Poole	Aye

## 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
- PG-3.206 Released Time Courses 2025 11 17.pdf
- PG-5.021 Authorization for the Obligation and Expenditure of Funds 2025 11 17.pdf
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- PG-5.520 Criminal History Checks for Contracted Services 2025 11 17.pdf
- PG-5.510 Purchasing and Contracting 2025 11 17.pdf
- 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