



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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call

Leslie Scott Aye

Myong Chong 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

Cheryl Bean Absent

Wes Poole Aye

John Bolser Aye

Michael Wellbaum Aye

Myong Chong Aye

Leslie Scott Aye

Steven Jones Absent

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

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

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

Roll Call

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call

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

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

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

Steven Jones	Absent
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Roll Call

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

K. FIRST Financial Management Reports

Mrs. Greenman presented the reports and ratings:

- Texas School of the Arts received a 95 A - Superior Achievemnt
 - 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

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-5.220 Corporate Credit Accounts 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