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**Minutes**

TCA+A Board Meeting - Audit Presentation

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday January 20, 2026 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, John Bolser, Leslie Scott (remote), Michael Wellbaum, Steven Jones, Wes Poole (remote)

**Directors Absent**

Myong Chong

**Ex Officio Members Present**

Anika Perkins

**Non Voting Members Present**

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Anika Perkins

### **Guests Present**

Amber Ledbetter, Amy Prickett, Flor Cabrera, Jocelyn Greenman, Kiera Wallace, Krista Langford, Lacey Gaymon, Ross Mitchell, Ted Neeb, Torie Skinner, Wesley Esparragoza

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Cheryl Bean called a meeting of the board of directors of Texas Center for Arts + Academics to order on Tuesday Jan 20, 2026 at 6:12 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

- Public comments were made by:
  - Vrai Washington
  - Bailey Howell

## **III. Recognition**

### **A. TeSA Recognition**

Ms. Wallace recognized the following students for their dedication and service:

- Zahria Butler (4th grade)
- Olivia Teixeira (2nd grade)
- Roman Rector (5th grade)
- Grace Gatica (2nd grade)

### **B. FWFA Recognition**

Ms. Ledbetter recognized December teachers of the month:

- Jacob Zamora
- Mandy Warren

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

Dr. Perkins recognized board members for January appreciation month:

- Cheryl Bean
- Steven Jones

- Leslie Scott
- John Bolser
- Myong Chong
- Wes Poole
- Michael Wellbaum

#### **IV. Audit Presentation**

##### **A. Presentation of the FY2025 Audit**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the FY2025 audit.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

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

#### **V. Closed Session**

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

- Closed open session at 7:01 pm
- Opened closed session at 7:05 pm

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

- Closed closed session at 8:59 pm
- Opened open session at 9:05 pm

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

- No action taken

#### **VI. Consent Agenda**

##### **A. Approve November 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Board Meeting on 11-17-25.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Finance Statements**

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the November and December 2025 finance statements.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**VII. Finance**

**A. Merit Increase for CEO/Superintendent FY2026**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve merit increase for CEO/Superintendent FY2026.

Steven Jones seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**VIII. Academics**

**A. School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the school health advisory council (SHAC).

John Bolser seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**IX. CEO Report**

**A. Updates**

- Sid Richardson Grant - fix FWAFA's roof
- McMaster-Carr Company Donation - annual campaign
- Lilly Youth and Arts Foundation Donation - to help negative lunch accounts at both schools
- Facility Assessment Updates
- US News & World Report National Rankings - FWAFA Secondary
- Fall After-School Conservatory Updates
- 2026 Gala - March 28, 2026 Reflections: A Legacy in the Making
- Winter TEA mandated joint Safety and Security Committee meeting
- 2026-2027 Open enrollment - January 12, 2026 - February 10, 2026

**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 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Bean

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