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Minutes

TCA+A Special Session Meeting - Hold In Case of Urgent Action

Date and Time
Monday May 18, 2026 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
Cheryl Bean, John Bolser, Leslie Scott, Michael Wellbaum, Steven Jones, Wes Poole

Directors Absent
Myong Chong

Ex Officio Members Present
Anika Perkins

Guests Present

Amber Ledbetter, Flor Cabrera, Jocelyn Greenman, Kiera Wallace, Lacey Gaymon, Lisa Gonzales, Ross Mitchel

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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 Monday May 18, 2026 at 6:05 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

1. Victoria Petty (TeSA graduate) - Spoke on the importance of summer theatre camps and the positive impact of teacher Ms. Kilgore.
2. Stephanie Ballew (FWAFA parent) - Projected enrollment numbers, staff vacancies, funding shortfalls, questioned fiscal responsibility.
3. Alycia Bennett (TeSA parent) - Submitted a written packet requesting transparency on public records, board packet items, finance, CEO compensation, procurement, and audit processes. Concerned over CEO pay/rent increases while running deficits and laying off teachers; requested written responses within 30 days.
4. Mario Garza (TeSA parent) - Submitted written requests regarding MOU execution, academic outcomes, staffing, IEP/504 transition plans, and Open Meeting Act compliance. Requested clarity on services for students with IEP/504 plans during staff vacancies and written transition plans for upcoming year.

III. Recognition

A. TeSA Recognition

Ms. Wallace recognized:

- James Carter
- Natalie Bransford

B. FWAFA Recognition

Ms. Ledbetter recognized:

- Kaitlin Barker

- Diane Sapp

C. TCA+A-SHAC Committee Meetings' Updates

Mrs. Roby and Mrs. Soza:

- Improved communication on health, nutrition, and mental health services.
- Parent and staff involvement in selecting new food service provider (Crave Nutrition), with positive feedback on quality and minimal price increase.
- Commitment to ongoing collaboration for student wellness.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approve April 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Special Session Meeting - Hold In Case of Urgent Action on 04-27-26.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Finance Statements

Steven Jones made a motion to approve April 2026 income statements.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Closed Session

A. Convene to Closed Session

- Closed open session at 6:31 PM
- Opened in closed session at 6:32 PM

B. Reconvene to Open Session

- Closed closed session at 7:45 PM
- Reconvened open session at 7:49 PM

C. Action Item

- No action was taken.

VI. Finance

A. Budget Amendment- TeSA

Steven Jones made a motion to approve TeSA's April budget amendment.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Audit Engagement Letter

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the 26/27 audit engagement letter with Freemon, Shapard, and Story.
Leslie Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VII. Academics

A.

Memorandum of Understanding with TEA for the Consolidation of FWAFA and TeSA

Leslie Scott made a motion to approve the MOU with TEA for Consolidation of FWAFA and TeSA.
Steven Jones seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VIII. Operations

A. Security Company Contract with Calvis

Steven Jones made a motion to approve Calvis Security Company contract for the 26/27 school year.
Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Contract with Crave It Nutrition

Steven Jones made a motion to approve Crave It Nutrition contract for the 26/27 school year with the change in the contract from 36 month period to 12 month period.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Leslie Scott	Aye

IX. Governance

A. PG-4.504 Family and Medical Leave

Steven Jones made a motion to approve PG-4.504 Family and Medical Leave with a change to strike paragraph i, page 9.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. PG-4.502 Leave Offerings

Wes Poole made a motion to approve PG-4.502 Leave Offerings.
Steven Jones seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Integrated Pest Management Policy

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to defer Integrated Pest Management Policy until June board meeting.
Leslie Scott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Myong Chong	Absent
Michael Wellbaum	Aye

X. CEO Report

A. Updates

- Conservator's April progress Report
  - Leadership team is on track; positive agency feedback
- 2026-2027 Preliminary Enrollment Numbers
  - TeSA 333 students; FWAFA 710 students; 90 students on waitlist.
- TCA+A's Afterschool Conservatories
  - 220 students in after-school conservatories (net profit: $89,000)
- TCA+A's Summer Camp
  - 126 students enrolled in summer camp (projected revenue: $33,841)
- 2026 FWAFA Graduation
  - May 26, 2026 at 7 PM

XI. 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 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Bean

B. CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE