



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics

### Minutes

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

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**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

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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, Michael Wellbaum, Steven Jones, Wes Poole

**Directors Absent**

Myong Chong

**Ex Officio Members Present**

Anika Perkins

**Non Voting Members Present**

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### **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

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

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

## 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

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

### 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

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

## VII. Academics

**A. Memorandum of Understanding with TEA for the Consolidation of FWAFSA and TeSA**

Leslie Scott made a motion to approve the MOU with TEA for Consolidation of FWAFSA and TeSA.

Steven Jones seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**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**

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

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

**Roll Call**

Cheryl Bean      Aye  
John Bolser      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**

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

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

Michael Wellbaum Aye  
Wes Poole          Aye  
Steven Jones      Aye  
Leslie Scott       Aye

**Roll Call**

John Bolser	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Aye
Myong Chong	Absent

**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**