



Texas Center for Arts + Academics

Minutes

TCA+A Board Meeting

Regular Scheduled Meeting

Date and Time

Monday June 22, 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

Non Voting Members Present

Anika Perkins

Guests Present

Kayla Reeves, Kiera Wallace, Krista Langford, Lacey Gaymon, Liesl Manone, Lisa Gonzales, Samantha Young

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 Jun 22, 2026 at 6:02 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Recognition

A. TCA+A Recognition

Dr. Anika Perkins recognized:

- Darin Luman
- Rodrigo Gutierrez
- Kayla Reaves
- Liesl Gray Manone

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve May 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the minutes from TCA+A Special Session Meeting - Hold In Case of Urgent Action on 05-18-26.

Steven Jones seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B.

Finance Statements

IV. Closed Session

A. Convene to Closed Session

- Closed open session at 6:13 PM
- Opened in closed session at 6:14 PM

B. Reconvene to Open Session

- Closed closed session at
- Reconvened open session at 7:26 PM

C. Action Item

Leslie Scott made a motion to rehire the CEO/President and Superintendent.

Steven Jones seconded the motion.

Steven Jones thanked Dr. Perkins.

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

Roll Call

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

V. Finance

A. FWAFA's 2026-2027 Region 11 Contract

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Region 11 contract for FWAFA.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

Dr. Perkins presented the contract. Leslie Scott noted that it is a streamlining of services for efficiency; not just cost savings.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Project Education Contract

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the Project Education contract.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

Dr. Perkins presented the contract.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Academics**A. FWAFA's Campus Student Handbook**

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the FWAFA student campus handbook.

Wes Poole seconded the motion.

Kaitlin Barker presented the handbook changes. Wes Poole noted to include AM and PM on times. Michael Wellbaum inquired on why the dresscode states tops and bottoms and not discussed what boys girls wear and girls wear. Wording should change from tops and bottoms to what girls and boys wear. Approved contingent on changes being made.

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

Roll Call

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

B. TeSA's Campus Student Handbook

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the TeSA student campus handbook.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

Ms. Wallace presented handbook changes. Michael Wellbaum suggested having a change document available. Michael Wellbaum asked if it was necessary to have multiple handbooks. Dr. Perkins commented that yes, since the campuses offer different grade levels that yes having two handbooks is helpful. Michael Wellbaum inquired about the differences in food delivery. Dr. Perkins commented that the issue is a problem at FWAFA; not TeSA. Michael Wellbaum inquired why non-distracting hairstyles was

stricken from FWAFA but not TeSA. Michael Wellbaum prefers the tops and bottoms to say boys and girls. Michael Wellbaum also noted the specific measurement on skirts for girls differing from FWAFA's handbook. Dr. Perkins commented that the skirt length is an issue on the secondary level; not with elementary students. Michael Wellbaum appreciates the explanations for differing.

Michael Wellbaum requested the wording to change from tops and bottoms to what girls and boys wear.

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

Roll Call

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

C. TBC Student Handbook

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the TBC student handbook.

Wes Poole seconded the motion.

Kaitlin Barker presented the handbook changes.

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

Roll Call

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

D. SGT Student Handbook

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve the SGT student handbook.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

Kaitlin Barker presented the handbook changes.

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

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Michael Wellbaum Aye

E. Academy Singers Student Handbook

John Bolser made a motion to approve Academy Singers student handbook.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

Kaitlin Barker presented the handbook changes.

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

Roll Call

Steven Jones Aye

Leslie Scott Aye

Wes Poole Aye

Michael Wellbaum Aye

Myong Chong Absent

John Bolser Aye

Cheryl Bean Absent

F. Academy Musical Theatre Company Student Handbook

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to table until next meeting.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

Kaitlin Barker presented the handbook changes.

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

Roll Call

Cheryl Bean Absent

Steven Jones Absent

Myong Chong Absent

Leslie Scott Aye

John Bolser Aye

Wes Poole Aye

Michael Wellbaum Aye

G. Advanced Acting Student Handbook

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to table until next meeting.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Steven Jones Absent

Leslie Scott Aye

Myong Chong Absent

Wes Poole Aye

John Bolser Aye

Michael Wellbaum Aye

Cheryl Bean Absent

H. Academy Dance Company Student Handbook

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to table until next meeting.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VII. Governance**A. Integrated Pest Management Policy**

Wes Poole made a motion to approve the Integrated Pest Management Policy.

John Bolser seconded the motion.

Dr. Perkins presented the policy.

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

Roll Call

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

B. TCA+A's 2026-2027 Personnel Handbook

John Bolser made a motion to approve.

Michael Wellbaum seconded the motion.

Lacey Gaymon presented the handbook changes.

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

Roll Call

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

C. FWAFA's Personnel Handbook

Michael Wellbaum made a motion to approve.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VIII. CEO Report

A. Updates

- Dr. Perkins publicly thanked Kaitlin Barker for standing in for Amber Ledbetter.
- Lisa Gonzales noted that the district is on track with assignments related to the Conservatorship and consolidation.
- Dr. Perkins gave an update on the TEA Facilities grant, recently awarded to FWAFA.
- Dr. Perkins gave an update on the enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Leslie Scott inquired about waitlist for TeSA. Dr. Perkins stated that TeSA does not have a waitlist.
- Dr. Perkins gave an update on TCA+A's Summer Camp and expected revenue. Dr. Perkins congratulated and thanked Krista Langford.

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 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Scott

B. CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE