APPROVED

Texas Center for Arts + Academics

Minutes

TCA+A Special Called Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday March 9, 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 (remote), Michael Wellbaum (remote), Myong Chong, Steven Jones, Wes Poole (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Anika Perkins

Guests Present

Flor Cabrera, Jocelyn Greenman, Kiera Wallace, Lacey Gaymon, Lisa Gonzales, Penny Clay

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 Mar 9, 2026 at 6:08 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

- There were no Public Comments made

III. Closed Session

A. Convene to Closed Session

- Closed Open Session at 6:09pm
- Opened Closed Session at 6:10pm

B. Reconvene to Open Session

- Closed Closed Session at 7:11pm
- Reconvened in Open Session at 7:11pm

C. Action Item

- No action was taken

IV. Finance

A. Board Resolution

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the Board Resolution for Conservator signatory on TeSA's bank accounts.
Leslie Scott seconded the motion.
Mrs. Greenman presented:

- Resolution authorizing Dr. Lisa Gonzales, as the Conservator, to serve as an authorized signer on the Texas School of the Arts bank accounts at Frost Bank and PlainsCapital Bank

- Persuant to a directive from TEA, Dr. Gonzales was added as an agent with signature authority on all existing accounts and all other signers are removed from the accounts

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

Roll Call

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

B. 2026 COMBO Board Resolution re HB2 and HB1707 82

Steven Jones made a motion to approve the 2026 COMBO Board Resolution re HB2 and HB1707 82.
Leslie Scott seconded the motion.
Dr. Perkins presented:

- Resolution outlines the Education Code requires an open enrollment charter school to certify in writing that no administrator, officer, or employee of the charter school and no member of the governing body of the charter school or it's charter holder derives any personal financial benefit from a real estate transaction with the charter schools
- The Board of Directors certifies that no administrator, officer, or employee or no member of Board of Directors, and no person related within the third-degree or second-degree derives any financial benefit from a real estate transaction as well as that the Superintendent/CEO is directed to provide notice of this certification in writing to TEA and to any municipality or other political subdivision
- This is the resolution and annual certification that is required specifically for public charter schools to be able to apply for the State Facility Grant that is due March 27, 2026

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

Roll Call

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

V. Academics

A. SB 11 Resolution

Steven Jones made a motion to approve FWAFA's SB 11 Resolution.
Myong Chong seconded the motion.
Dr. Perkins presented:

- Resolution outlines that the Board of Directors of TCA+A is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive educational environment for all students and staff
- The Legislature enacted Senate Bill 11, which authorizes but does not require school districts and open enrollment charter schools to adopt a policy allowing a campus to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text
- The Board has carefully reviewed the provisions of SB 11, relevant guidance, and the needs and diversity of the students and families served at FWAFA and TeSA
- The Board recognizes that participation in any religious activity must remain voluntary and FWAFA and TeSA must remain in compliance with state and federal laws, including TEA issued guidance
- The Board of Directors has determined it will not adopt a policy establishing a period of prayer or reading of religious text as authorized under SB 11 at this time
- The Board affirms that students retain the right to individually and voluntarily pray or engage in religious expression to the extent permitted by law, provided such activity is not disruptive and is consistent with FWAFA and TeSA policies and applicable law
- The Board may revisit this matter in the future should further consideration warrant doing so

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

Roll Call

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

Steven Jones made a motion to TeSA's SB 11 Resolution.
Myong Chong seconded the motion.
Dr. Perkins presented:

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

VI. 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 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Bean

B. CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE