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Minutes

TCA + A Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday November 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
TeSA - 6025 Village Pkwy

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, Myong Chong, Steven Jones, Wes Poole

Directors Absent
Michael Wellbaum

Ex Officio Members Present
Anika Perkins

Guests Present
Amber Ledbetter, Darin Luman, Kiera Wallace, Liesl Manone, Lisa Gonzales, Samantha Young, Victoria Villalobos

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 Nov 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Student/Staff Recognition

A. TeSA Recognition

Ms. Kiera Wallace presented the TeSA Recognitions to recognize Ms. Amanda Barter and student Lyla G.

B. FWAFA Recognition

Ms. Amber Ledbetter presented the FWAFA Recognitions to recognize the October and November teachers of the month. The October FWAFA Teachers of the month were Emily Brown and Hope Wilton. The November FWAFA Teachers of the month were Debbi Herrera and Bridgette Chrisco.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approve September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

B. Finance Statements

Steven Jones made a motion to approve all consent Agenda items including the minutes from the TCA + A Board Meeting on 09-28-26.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Myong Chong	Aye

V. Closed Session

A. Convene to Closed Session

Cheryl Bean called to recess to closed session at 6:08 pm.
Cheryl Bean called to open Closed Session at 6:10 pm.
Cheryl Bean called to end closed session at 7:16 pm.

B. Reconvene to Open Session

Cheryl Bean called to reconvene open session at 7:21 pm.

C. Action Item

There was no action to be taken.

VI. Finance

A. TCA+A Budget Amendment

Ms. Samantha Young presented the TCA+A Budget Amendment to increase the Maintenance/Operations budget.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve the TCA+A Budget Amendment.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Authorization of Fund Transfers

Ms. Samantha Young presented the Authorization of Fund Transfers Resolution.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve the Authorization of Fund Transfers.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Wes Poole	Aye
Michael Wellbaum	Absent

Roll Call

John Bolser	Aye
Steven Jones	Aye
Cheryl Bean	Aye
Myong Chong	Aye

C. Authorization to Transfer TeSA's Inventory to FWAFA

Ms. Samantha Young presented the Authorization to Transfer TeSA's Inventory to FWAFA.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve the Authorization to Transfer TeSA's Inventory to FWAFA.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Authorization to Transfer TeSA's Former Student and Personnel Records

Ms. Samantha Young presented the Authorization to Transfer TeSA's former Student and Personnel Records.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve the Authorization to Transfer TeSA's former Student and Personnel Records.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
Mr. Wes Poole asked if this included electronic and hard copies of records, Ms. Samantha Young clarified that this resolution does include both.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VII. Academics

A. FWAFA's 2026-2027 Campus Improvement Plan

Ms. Amber Ledbetter presented FWAFA's 2026-2027 Campus Improvement Plan.

Steven Jones made a motion to approve FWAFA's 2026-2027 Campus Improvement Plan.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
Mrs. Cheryl Bean asked if there had been errors noticed in working with Bluebonnet Curriculum, Ms. Amber Ledbetter clarified that teachers work through the curriculum so that any errors in the curriculum can be corrected prior to teaching.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. TeSA's 2026-2027 Campus Improvement Plan

Ms. Kiera Wallace presented TeSA's 2026-2027 Campus Improvement Plan.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve TeSA's 2026-2027 Campus Improvement Plan.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
Mrs. Cheryl Bean asked if there are times designated to work with children that are falling behind, Ms. Kiera Wallace clarified that there are intervention times.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. FWAFA's 2026-2027 ESL Waiver

Dr. Anika Perkins presented FWAFA's 2026-2027 ESL Waiver to waive teacher certifications since public charter schools are not required to employ certified teachers.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve FWAFA's 2026-2027 ESL Waiver.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Steven Jones	Aye

VIII. Governance

A. Amend Personnel Handbooks

Ms. Samantha Young presented to Amend Personnel Handbooks by adding back the section "Audio & Visual Recordings" to prohibit staff from recording confidential matters and meeting, which was left out of the previously presented handbooks without authorization to do so.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve to insert the Audio & Visual Recordings to the personnel handbooks.
Wes Poole seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. 2026-2027 FWAFA Substitute Handbook

Ms. Samantha Young presented the 2026-2027 FWAFA Substitute Handbook, which includes no changes other than the insertion of applicable Board Policy References.
Steven Jones made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 FWAFA Substitute Handbook as presented.
John Bolser seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IX. CEO Report

A. Updates

Dr. Lisa Gonzales presented the TEA Conservator Report with status updates on the consolidation of TeSA as a campus under FWAFA.
Dr. Anika Perkins presented the CEO update which included:

- award of the William E Scott Foundation grant for theater renovations
- Liesl Manone proposal to "buy a seat" to fundraise for theater renovations
- Annual Gala is set for April 3, 2027 with the theme Studio 25 and 70's fashion
- Upcoming event Disney Descendants musical on December 3 and 4, 2026
- Upcoming event combined choir concert on Saturday, December 5, 2026
- Upcoming events December 6, 11, and 18, 2026 for TBC Christmas Events
- Upcoming SGT event on December 8, 2026
- Upcoming dance event on December 8, 2026
- Presentation of Mr. Darin Luman to move into the position of Executive Director of Operations
- Presentation of Ms. Samantha Soza to move into the position of FWAFA Assistant Principal
- Introduction of Mrs. Victoria Villalobos as the new Human Resources and Governance Director

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 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Bean

B. CERTIFICATE AS TO POSTING OR GIVING OF NOTICE

Before 6:00 pm on November 10, 2026 notice for this meeting was posted at a place convenient to the public at the main entry to Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, 3901 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth, TX 76109, and at the main entry to Texas School of the Arts, 6025 Village Parkway, Edgecliff Village, TX 76134, and was posted and readily accessible at all times online to the general public three (3) full business days preceding the scheduled time of tonight's meeting.

Documents used during the meeting

- SEPT 2026 FINANCIALS - BOARD.pdf
- OCT 2026 FINANCE BOARD.pdf
- TCAA BUDGET AMENDMENT OCT 2026.pdf
- Authorization of Fund Transfer-Redacted.docx

- Authorization of Inventory Transfer.docx
- Authorization of TeSA Former Record Storage.docx
- 26-27 FWAFA CIP.pdf
- TeSA CIP 2026.2027.pdf
- 2026-2027-esl-waiver-application-FWAFA.xlsx
- 2026-2027 TCA+A Personnel Handbook DRAFT w. policies.docx
- 2026-2027 FWAFA Personnel Handbook w. policies.docx
- 2026-2027 FWAFA Substitute Handbook.docx

Link to Audio Recording of the TCA+A Board Meeting on November 16, 2026