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Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting - August 12, 2025

Date and Time
Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Trustees Present
A. Hudson, C. Moore, E. Mortimer, M. Peercy, T. Powell, W. Wortham

Trustees Absent
A. Braggs

Ex Officio Members Present
L. Smith

Guests Present
D. Hahn, J. Stallings, jes

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Mortimer called a meeting of the board of trustees of Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences to order on Tuesday Aug 12, 2025 at 6:05 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

M. Peercy made a motion to Approve the minutes from July 2025 TSAS - SPECIAL Board Meeting on 07-15-25.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
Revise first line - symposium, not building
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Head of School's Report

Dr. Liesa presented that all vendors for our service transition are in place. We are very pleased with our new services and service providers. Work with onboarding our new child nutrition vendors, Opaa!, has been very smooth. All contracts needed for a smooth start to the year are in place. The TSAS leadership team returned on August 4th and the launching work for the new year has been smooth. Our enrollment and wait-list processes have been notably hampered by the unified enrollment system. The change in vendors that TPS implemented mid-process has created confusion and misinformation for TSAS, TPS, families and students. We are working diligently to clarify miscommunications that families have received and Ms. Lopez has been working diligently to maintain accurate records and clear communication with TPS and families. Our new 25th anniversary logo has been launched along with new signage and merchandise. We will be celebrating our first commemorative event on the first day of school with a "Door Opening Ceremony". Tulsa Mayor Nichols and the Tulsa Pipe Band will be at TSAS for a commemorative ribbon-cutting ceremony. All BOT members are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 19th at 8:30 for the ceremony.

B. Principal's Report

Dr. Hahn explained that planning and development for the new school year is in place and emerging from meaningful teacher contributions and learning during the Summer Symposium. Additional work on policies and supporting teachers is planned to align with addressing legislative changes. We are in the early stages of planning ahead for how the news about changes to state testing may be implemented. We will be looking for more information about how the changes interact with federal programs and other mandated requirements. A cell phone policy has been developed which we will review later in the meeting. We are working to comply with all new administrative actions and legislation that must be applied starting this year. Also, a new AI policy has been developed for the new school year. Dan is working with the 918 Fund seeking additional funds to continue supporting teacher professional development throughout the school year.

III. Annual Board Officer Election and Reporting Appointments

A. Discussion, consideration and action to nominate and elect Board of Trustees officers for the 2025-2026 school and fiscal year.

Open nominations or volunteers accepted:
President - Emily (volunteered)
Vice President - Cricket (volunteered)
Clerk - Angela (volunteered)
M. Peercy made a motion to Approve the slate of nominated board officers: Dr. Emily Mortimer (President), Ms. Cricket Moore (Vice President), Ms. Angela Hudson (Clerk).
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Braggs	Absent
A. Hudson	Aye
E. Mortimer	Aye
W. Wortham	Aye
M. Peercy	Aye
T. Powell	Aye
C. Moore	Aye

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the following recommended appointments for financial and reporting purposes:

Discussion of proposed appointments as listed in the agenda.

1. Financial Data Entry Clerk - Jeff Jenkins
2. Encumbrance Clerk - Ashanti Dumas
3. Minutes Clerk - Ashanti Dumas
4. Purchasing Officer - Liesa Smith
5. Activity Funds Custodian - Ashanti Dumas
6. Child Nutrition Determining Official - Cathy Denton
7. Federal Programs Manager - Liesa Smith

C. Moore made a motion to Approve the slate of proposed appointments for financial and reporting purposes as listed in the agenda.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Moore	Aye
W. Wortham	Aye
A. Hudson	Aye
M. Peercy	Aye
E. Mortimer	Aye
T. Powell	Aye
A. Braggs	Absent

C. Discussion and consideration to establish board committee chairs.

Finance Committee - Mickey Peercy (Volunteered to Chair)

Governance Committee - Cricket Moore (Volunteered to Chair)
Community Development Committee - Aunj Braggs (Nominated to Chair) - pending approval
C. Moore made a motion to Approve the slate of committee chairs, awaiting the approval of Aunj for her acceptance of the nomination.
W. Wortham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Wortham	Aye
A. Braggs	Absent
T. Powell	Aye
A. Hudson	Aye
E. Mortimer	Aye
M. Peercy	Aye
C. Moore	Aye

IV. Executive Session

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to convene into Executive Session as authorized by Title 25 O. S. (2001) Section 307. B 1 and 7

M. Peercy made a motion to Convene into Executive Session.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion and consideration of recommendation to approve Ryan Starkweather to join the TSAS Foundation, Friends of TSAS.

V. Reconvene into Open Session

A. Vote to reconvene into Open Session

T. Powell made a motion to Reconvene to General Session.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve Ryan Starkweather joining the TSAS Foundation, Friends of TSAS.

C. Moore made a motion to Approve Ryan Starkweather to join the Foundation, Friends of TSAS.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Wortham	Aye
M. Peercy	Aye

Roll Call

C. Moore	Aye
T. Powell	Aye
E. Mortimer	Aye
A. Braggs	Absent
A. Hudson	Aye

VI. Finance and Budget

A. End of Year 2025 June and Year to Date Financials

Jesse Stallings presented a six-year comparative report of revenue and expenses. Total expenditures have dropped, coupled with an increase in payroll. Non-payroll expenses have been reduced overall. SY25 ended with a $250,000 carryover in the general fund. The school budget has been clearly outlined to include previous components that were not included. SY 25 ended with an increased carryover in the General Fund over the early year forecaster budget deficit. The work to monitor spending and utilize the building funds for the building lease was effective.

B. Approval of General Fund Purchase Orders,

Purchase orders #81-91 reviewed
W. Wortham made a motion to Approve POs #81-91.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Activity Fund Purchase Orders,

M. Peercy made a motion to Approve POs #1-4.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Discussion, consideration, and vote to approve or not approve the Request for Approval of State Aid and and/or Federal Funds for Schools

M. Peercy made a motion to Approve the Request for State Aid and/or Federal Funds for Schools.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Discussion, consideration, and vote to approve or not approve the updated stipend schedule for fiscal year 2065.

Correction of SY 2026 (2065 mis-typed in agenda)
M. Peercy made a motion to Approve all stipends proposed for SY 2026.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Contracts & Agreements

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve SY 26 contract renewal of existing services with Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance (building, liability, vehicle policy).

Item was discussed and included in a combined vote of all contracts and MOUs in items A-E.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve SY 26 contract renewal of existing services with CompRisk Management (workers' compensation insurance policy).

Item was discussed and included in a combined vote of all contracts and MOUs in items A-E.

C. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve SY 26 contract renewal of existing services with BorderLan Cybersecurity (Linewize filter and electronic safety services)

Item was discussed and included in a combined vote of all contracts and MOUs in items A-E.

D. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Second Wind Bicycles for bicycle education and maintenance program in SY 26.

Item was discussed and included in a combined vote of all contracts and MOUs in items A-E.

E. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve SY 26 subscription renewal of Adobe Creative Platform.

Item discussed. All items A-E grouped for a combined vote
M. Peercy made a motion to Approve all grouped items A-E, including all the contracts and MOU.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Policy and Governance

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the TSAS cell phone and electronic device ban policy in compliance with SB 139.

Item was discussed and included in a combined vote of all new policies and handbooks.

B.

Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the TSAS AI instructional framework and use policy.

Item was discussed and included in a combined vote of all new policies and handbooks.

C. **Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the amended 2025-2026 Faculty Handbook and Student Handbook.**

C. Moore made a motion to Approve Cell Phone policy, AI policy, faculty handbook and student handbook (combined items).
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Braggs	Absent
T. Powell	Aye
E. Mortimer	Aye
W. Wortham	Aye
M. Peercy	Aye
C. Moore	Aye
A. Hudson	Aye

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

C. Moore made a motion to adjourn meeting.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Moore

The TSAS Board of Trustees Agenda for August 12, 2025 will be posted on Friday, August 8, 2025 by 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Liesa Smith, Head of School.

TSAS is an independent public charter school in which every student is welcomed as they are, known and valued for who they are, challenged to become a better version of themselves, encouraged in their efforts to become that person, and celebrated for their successes.