Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences

Minutes

BOT Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday August 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
1202 W. Easton St. Tulsa, OK 74127
TSAS Commons, 2nd Floor

Trustees Present
A. Braggs, C. Moore, E. Mortimer, M. Peercy

Trustees Absent
T. Powell, W. Wortham

Ex Officio Members Present
A. Dumas

Non Voting Members Present
A. Dumas

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 11, 2026 at 5:51 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Braggs made a motion to approve the minutes from BOT Special Meeting on 07-21-26.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Head of School's Report

Dr. Smith announces the first day of school is Thursday, August 13th. We have had teachers in the building this week for our professional development day, with the last day being tomorrow. As of now, there are 530 students enrolled and that is 5 more than the cap and there is still a waiting list in nearly all grades. Last month, 60 more applications were submitted that will go on the waitlist as well. We typically try to enroll 75 students per grade, and we are really close to those numbers. However, there are 84 students currently enrolled in 9th grade and some fluctuations are expected. Starting last Thursday, Crossland started construction on the 3rd floor media room. They are building a wall to divide the space back into the original two classrooms. We have been notified that Trane has been contacted to work on the chillers. That work has not started yet. We have about 6 classrooms that aren't tolerable and there are a few other hot spots. Tomorrow, the plan is to buy 6 AC units for the classrooms that are too hot for classes. There is a plan to re-key the building and the new plan rekeys the interior as well as exterior. All the tumblers for the locks have been ordered, and they may start on the first floor exterior first. Phone and classroom projector installation are complete. We have a new kitchen manager and her name is Yosh. Tiffany with Oppa! has transitioned to another school that is closer to her home.

B. Principal's Report

Dr. Hahn briefly recaps the Summer Symposium with 3 sections in focus: communication, matriculation and teacher leadership. The communication section focused on how to communicate with families without inundating them with information. There are Seven grade level team leaders and five department chairs participated in the teacher leadership team. They created a delineation of duties that the grade-level team leaders would meet and form a new faculty counsel. The department chairs will each rotate between presenting to the board. Dr. Dan introduced Cheyenne Butcher as the August representatie of the faculty council to the board.

Ms. Cheyenne Butcher — Introduces herself as presenter of the teaching report. This is her third time participating in the Summer Symposium. She found this symposium helpful as it delved into the role of leadership. Of the three groups, she participated in the communications group. The group came up with ideas and initiatives on how to bridge the gap in communication between parents and teachers, teachers and students and students and parents. They are most excited about having the commitment of students and parents and voicing those commitments. The first week we will send a welcome introductory email as we have found that the first point of contact should not be about behavior or grades. We are aiming for students to lead communication with parents as a way to bridge the gap between parents and students. The communications group also discussed student accountability in regard to absences. The hope is to implement automated calls to make parents physically aware of absences and tardiness. The teacher leadership group was incredible. It helped her clarify her role as a department head with a clear understanding that will help me better serve her department.

C. Friends of TSAS Report

Mr. Sharples reports that the FOT donated money to match the school funds that together purchased 20 digital cameras for the Photography department. Thanks to Anuj Braggs, we were connected with Zeffy for a free CRM. The FOT has been working to create parent volunteer forms. Trivia night will be this November 12th and the location has not been set in stone, but the library is a strong possibility. Planning for Spring Fest has also begun.

III. Annual Board Officer Election and Reporting Appointments

A. Discussion, consideration and action to nominate and elect Board of Trustees officers for the 2026-2027 school and fiscal year.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the nominated Board of Trustees officers for the 2026-2027 school and fiscal year.

C. Moore made a motion to approve the nominated Board of Trustees officers for the 2026-2027 school and fiscal year.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
1. President - Cricket Moore
2. Vice President - Mickey Peercy
3. Clerk - Aunj Braggs
4. Treasurer - Jay Jenkins

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

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

C. Moore made a motion to approve the following recommended appointments for financial and reporting purposes:.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
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

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

D. Discussion and consideration to establish and/or renew board committee chairs.

Discussion was tabled for the September Board Meeting.

IV. Finance and Budget

A. July Financials

B. Approval of General Fund Purchase Orders, #159-163 for June FY 2026; and #1-59 for July FY 2027.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve General Fund Purchase Orders, #159-163 for June FY 2026; and #1-59 for July FY 2027.
A. Braggs seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Activity Fund Purchase Orders, #64-68

M. Peercy made a motion to approve activity fund purchase orders, #64-68.
A. Braggs 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

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the Request for Approval of State Aid and and/or Federal Funds for Schools.
M. Peercy 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 school year 2027.

A. Braggs made a motion to approve the updated stipend schedule for school year 2027.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Discussion, consideration, and vote to approve or not approve a $2,000 salary increase for Dr. Liesa Smith, TSAS Head of School for the 2027 school year.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve a $2,000 salary increase for Dr. Liesa Smith, TSAS Head of School for the 2027 school year.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Contracts & Agreements

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve a natural gas fixed rate agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for SY 27.

A. Braggs made a motion to approve a natural gas fixed rate agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for SY27.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Second Wind Bicycles for bicycle education program in SY 27.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Second Wind Bicycles for bicycle education program in SY27.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Tulsa Technology Center for their Career Academy program in SY 27.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Tulsa Technology Center for their Career Academy program in SY27.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Policy and Governance

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the amended Protection of Pupil Rights policy.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the amended Protection of Pupil Rights policy.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the ammended Civil Rights and Harassment Grievance policy.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the amended Civil Rights and Harassment Grievance policy.
C. Moore seconded the motion.

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

C. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the ammended Riley Rule policy.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the amended Riley Rule policy.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the 2026-2027 asbestos notification.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 asbestos notification.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. 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 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Dumas

Documents used during the meeting

- August 11, 2026 Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences - Agenda.pdf
- 2026_07_21_board_meeting_minutes.pdf
- TSAS July 2026 8.10.26.pdf
- SY27 Stipends.pdf
- SWB_TSAS MOU 26-27.pdf
- TSAS TTCA TTAA Agreement FY27.pdf
- TSAS Revised Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) Policy - TSAS.pdf
- Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) Policy - TSAS.pdf
- Civil Rights and Harassment Grievance Procedure - TSAS.pdf
- Medical Emergency Plan — Riley Rule - TSAS.pdf
- asbestos-ahera-notification.md

The TSAS Board of Trustees Agenda for August 11, 2026 will be posted on Friday, August 7, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Liesa Smith, Head of School.

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