Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences

Minutes

BOT Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 8, 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, T. Powell, W. Wortham

Trustees Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
A. Dumas, L. Smith

Non Voting Members Present
A. Dumas, L. Smith

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Moore called a meeting of the board of trustees of Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences to order on Tuesday Sep 8, 2026 at 5:31 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the minutes from BOT Regular Meeting on 08-11-26.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Reports

A. Head of School's Report

Dr. Smith announces recent events that are taking place at TSAS. While we were excited about the new traffic route-finding signs we had made to help make traffic more safe, we were later told by the city that placing those signs was illegal. The signs were removed and the city has since visited to view the traffic and agreed to help us by adding new signs that include a crosswalk and speed limits, as there are no speed limit signs on the west side of the building. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage our parents to follow the preferred one-way route along the drop-off line. Our electric bill has gone up significantly compared to past bills. We know that utility bills have gone up citywide, but we also think that part of that is due to HVAC. We bought 10 portable AC units for classrooms that were uncomfortable to hold class in. We are encouraging everyone to turn off the portable units and fans at the end of the day. HVAC repairs have taken place and the classrooms are much cooler. Steve Romero, our custodian, will be attending a boiler training course for 4 days. During the summer, we applied for a philanthropic research grant of $75,000. We have been awarded the grant to research needed improvements at the school, and we will then use that information to apply for other future grants. Dr. Smith provided an overview of her priority work this year. There are four big projects that she has outlined. The first is to research future possibilities for charter authorization. Our current charter agreement with TPS expires at the end of this year. A change of authorizer may or may not serve TSAS, but it is important to examine all available options. The second project is to research the possibility of offering online adult education courses at night, without changing our small school day model. Adults ages 21–30 can now obtain a high school diploma online. This project may or may not serve TSAS. The increased enrollment would increase our state aid allocation. If we decide to pursue this project, it would be considered an expansion, which would allow us to apply for an expansion grant. The expansion grant is due in March. The third project, is the work included in the new research grant that we were awarded last Friday. In the next week she will learn about the specific process to work through the research grant. The fourth project is the renovation plan and timeline for the building. We have met with the architects, and they have a digital model of the building. They have remodeled a 100-year-old school and have invited us to visit the school to get ideas that could be useful in our renovation project.

B. Principal's Report

Dr. Hahn reports on the data-driven decision-making that teachers have been working on.
We are always trying to be near the data, but humanizing. Jesse Stallings and I have been working on a dashboard for staff though it is still in beta. The best use of data collected is for students not on the radar, but helps find places where students may need support. The data helps us focus on areas where work is needed, as the staff are learning to navigate the dashboard for grades and attendance. There are two initiatives that we will continue to work on: TIBWYH and the TSAS Teacher Tool Kit. Another tool we have been implementing is progress reports. Through the progress reports, we make sure parents/guardians have access to grades every two weeks while we make sure we are not inundating the teachers. All teachers using the TIBWYH and TTTK should have a procedure, but it allows for teacher autonomy for implementation. The dashboard allows teachers to see students whose attendance/grade has gone down and, if need be, teachers can send info to the student support team for support. This is exciting because we can actually start seeing the range of specific student needs. I am grateful to our greatest tools, the teachers. Their daily face-to-face with our students is the most valuable asset we have.

C. Faculty Council Report

Mr. Wesley Hill introduces himself as the high school History and Government teacher. My highlight has been the TIBWYH. Three years ago, it started as us reaching out to at-risk students, but this year every student has had contact with a faculty member. I had an opportunity to speak with about 13 students so far and the process has been manageable. This initiative has allowed us to dial in on students that are struggling so that we are able to communicate and support them with many things. Lately, I have been asking questions about their plans for post-graduation and informing them that their grades will affect college enrollment.

D. Friends of TSAS Report

Daniel Sharples reports the FOT has been actively supporting STUCO (student council) and the LEGO club that started this year with grants for STUCO T-shirts and Lego sets. They were also active with recruiting at orientation this year. There are two big volunteer projects coming up that TSAS will receive revenue from, the FOT at Oktoberfest and Trivia Night. Oktoberfest runs from September 19th - October 4th and Trivia Night will be held on November 12th at the Campbell Hotel. FOT are still looking to recruit 2 more members.

III. Executive Session

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve convening into Executive Session as authorized by Title 25 O. S. (2001) Section 307. B 1.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve convening into Executive Session as authorized by Title 25 O. S. (2001) Section 307. B 1.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Executive Session

M. Peercy made a motion to move to executive session.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Reconvene into Open Session

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve reconvening to Open Session.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve reconvening to Open Session.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve Amber Maner to serve as a TSAS Board Member.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve Amber Maner to serve as a TSAS Board Member.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Finance

A. August Financials

B. Approval of General Fund Purchase Orders, #70–86.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve General Fund Purchase Orders, #70–86.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C.

Review of Activity Fund Purchase Orders, #2–5.

D. Discussion and consideration and vote to approve or not approve opening 9 new Activity Fund accounts for new clubs and/or programs.

T. Powell made a motion to approve opening 10 new Activity Fund accounts for new clubs and/or programs.
Discussion and consideration and vote to approve or not approve opening 10 new Activity Fund accounts for new clubs and/or programs.
1. Class of 2027
2. Soccer
3. Campfire
4. Ping-Pong Club
5. Silent Book Club
6. Lego Club
7. Raps 101
8. Senior Capston
9. Boiling Point
*10. Senior Trip
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Discussion and consideration and vote to approve or not approve SY27 Estimate of Needs.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the SY27 Estimate of Needs.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Governance & Oversight

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to renew Dr. Emily Mortimer for a second term as a member of the TSAS Board of Trustees.

M. Peercy made a motion to renew Dr. Emily Mortimer for a second term as a member of the TSAS Board of Trustees.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve revised bylaws of the TSAS foundation: Friends of TSAS.

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve revised bylaws of the TSAS foundation: Friends of TSAS.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C.

Discussion, consideration and vote to approve overnight, out-of-state Experience Learning class field trip to St. Louis, Missouri.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve overnight, out-of-state Experience Learning class field trip to St. Louis, Missouri.
A. Braggs seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve policy regarding implementation of Fentanyl Awareness Education Program (Rain's Law).

A. Braggs made a motion to approve policy regarding implementation of Fentanyl Awareness Education Program (Rain's Law).
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the revised Admissions Policy.

A. Braggs made a motion to approve the revised Admissions Policy.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the new Transfer Policy.

A. Braggs made a motion to approve the new Transfer Policy.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve SY27 days-to-hours school calendar calculation.

W. Wortham made a motion to approve SY27 days-to-hours school calendar calculation.
A. Braggs 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 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Dumas

The TSAS Board of Trustees Agenda for September 8, 2026 will be posted on Friday, September 4, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Ashanti Dumas, Minutes Clerk.

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.