APPROVED

Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences

Minutes

BOT Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

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

Trustees Absent
T. Powell, W. Wortham

Ex Officio Members Present
L. Smith

Guests Present
D. Hahn, D. Sharples, Mary Nicholson

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 Oct 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Peercy made a motion to approve the minutes from BOT Regular Meeting on 09-08-26.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Head of School's Report

Dr. Liesa provided updates on completed and ongoing reports due in October. All reports are being completed on time, with a noted delay in the State rolling over EdPlan and the new students with special education IEPs. This delay slows completion of reports for which this data is needed. We continue to be in communication with the State on this matter.

The exploration into the consideration of a possible authorizer change continues. An initial conversation with TPS suggests that a 10-year renewal could be requested. The research has identified the contacts we may pursue in this exploration. Eric Doss will provide consultation as we research all available authorizers.

Next week a few of the Admin team, our architects and our general contractor will visit Kiefer Public Schools to see a 100-year-old school that was recently renovated by our architects. This field trip will launch our renovation planning, for repairs and improvements to take place next summer. Work is occurring on our boiler to prep it for the annual city inspection and planning is underway to arrange for a temporary technician to operate the boiler until our custodian, Steve Romero, completes his training and takes his exam to become certified.

Initial planning for our research grant may recommend that we contract with consultants to complete long-term financial planning to direct the school for the next 5-10-15 years. Another consultant may be secured to complete a needs assessment to help the school determine the appropriateness of developing an adult-ed virtual diploma completion program. Other academic improvement research will be completed by TSAS leadership and teachers to align with data and identified areas of growth.

B. Principal's Report

Dr. Dan provided an update on school events and initiatives. The first trimester will end the first week in November and a PLC led by the teacher-leaders will be held on the November 6th teacher's work day.

Preliminary review of our State Report Card indicates areas of progress and a notable improvement in our chronic absenteeism. Middle School math continues to be the primary academic area where we are working to achieve student growth. There is a national trend reflecting these same areas of academic challenge.

Our initiative to address student attendance has proven effective, and our current ADA is 90.3%. We exited 12 ELA students from WIDA testing which reflects strong language acquisition through literacy support offered across the curriculum.

Our efforts at prioritizing a humanizing approach to student growth, improvement and achievement are meaningful and we are seeing results. Our emphasis on the TTT element of communication with parents through increased student-led progress reports is one component of this humanizing approach.

C. Faculty Council Report

Mary Nicholson, Math Department Chair and 9th grade Biology teacher, presented the report for the Faculty Council. Mary provided an update on the beginning of the year which always includes some elements of a chaotic first few weeks followed by encouraging developments. The 9th grade team has noted reading challenges, but the faculty is very encouraged to observe students moving beyond apathy that was common after Covid, to real engagement and interest in the classroom.

The SPED department has a heavy lift of documentation in the first months of school, and this onboarding overlaps with students' needs for support. The TTT communication plans are beneficial, but experimentation with various approaches to reaching parents will continue.

Teachers are also experimenting with grade-level team parent conferences, and while these are beneficial for parents and teachers, determining how best to schedule them will need further experimentation.

D. Friends of TSAS Report

Daniel Sharples presents that the Friends of TSAS are planning their first big fundraiser as a trivia night on November 12th. The first of three "TSAS Talks" speaker series will be held on October 22nd and will focus on local journalism. Three journalists from local publications will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Daniel Sharples. Two other speaker series events will take place later in the year.

In addition to the new FoT member on the agenda tonight, another parent is interested in joining the foundation board and working to support fundraising specifically for the building. He is an architect who has close ties to our building through a previous academic project.

III. Finance

A. September Financials

Mickey Peercy reviewed the financial summary for September. Of note is our continuing elevated PSO bill. Ongoing supervision of the budget continues to hold us steady and our financial projections remain consistent.

B. Approval of General Fund Purchase Orders, #87–95.

M. Peercy made a motion to Approve General Fund Purchase Orders 87-95.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Review of Activity Fund Purchase Orders, #6–12.

E. Mortimer made a motion to Accept the reviewed Activity Fund purchase orders 6-12.
A. Maner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve TSAS bank account at BOK be modified into a Sweep Account.

A. Braggs made a motion to Approve the TSAS bank account at BOK be modified into a Sweep Account.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
Mickey presented the sweep account mechanism and discussed the benefits of increased interest revenue generated by the sweep account.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Discussion, consideration, and vote to approve or not approve additional extra duty stipends for SY27.

E. Mortimer made a motion to Approve extra duty stipends for SY 27.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Governance & Oversight

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to accept annual Accountability reporting.

M. Peercy made a motion to Accept annual reporting.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
Dr. Liesa presented Career Tech course credit to be accepted; annual student remediation report; annual 7-12 drop-out report; and district capacity and enrollment summary.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve a new partnership agreement with Modus to provide student transportation.

E. Mortimer made a motion to Approve a new partnership agreement with Modus.
A. Maner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the new Virtual Instruction Plan for SY2027-2028.

M. Peercy made a motion to Approve the virtual instruction plan for SY2027-28.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the revised Epinephrine and Asthma Medication Policy.

E. Mortimer made a motion to Approve the revised epinephrine and asthma medication policy.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the revised District Employment Notification and District Termination Recommendation Policy.

A. Braggs made a motion to Approve the revised district employment notification and district termination recommendation policy.
A. Maner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve Meghan Dixon as a new board member of the TSAS foundation: Friends of TSAS.

E. Mortimer made a motion to Approve Meghan Dixon as a new board member of the Friends of TSAS.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Peercy made a motion to Adjourn meeting.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** 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 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Smith

The TSAS Board of Trustees Agenda for October 13, 2026 will be posted on Friday, October 9, 2026 by 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Dr. 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.