



# St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

# **Minutes**

SLVA August 9, Board Meeting

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts 1220 Olive St. Ste #200 St Louis, MO 63103

All board meetings will be in person.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85915146951?pwd=b3c0NnNxT01rT08zMm9qcGJKTUZIZz09

# **Directors Present**

A. Silverblatt, D. Catchings-Smith, E. Barnard, E. White, E. Woods, J. Flory, K. Scott (remote), L. Jackson

# **Directors Absent**

K. Moye

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

H. Russell-West

# **Non Voting Members Present**

H. Russell-West

#### **Guests Present**

B. Taylor, D. Wright

# I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Catchings-Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts to order on Wednesday Aug 9, 2023 at 6:25 PM.

#### **II. Mission Moment**

# A. Mission Highlights

- 1. Dr. West shared how the teachers are bringing the school to life. The teachers had a week of professional development, were involved in recruitment, and are now decorating classrooms.
- 2. Julie Flory stated that through conversations with her children, she is learning the value and promise of the St. Louis Voices Academy.
- 3. Dr. Woods stated she was impressed with the tour of the building.

#### III. Action Items

# A. Approve July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from SLVA July 12, 2023 Board Meeting on 07-12-23. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

# Roll Call K. Scott

K. Scott Aye
A. Silverblatt Aye
D. Catchings-Smith Aye
E. Woods Aye
E. White Absent
L. Jackson Aye
J. Flory Aye
K. Moye Absent
E. Barnard Aye

- E. Barnard made a motion to Approve Policy 0028/Domestic Violence Policy.
- A. Silverblatt seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

J. Flory Aye E. Barnard Aye K. Moye Absent D. Catchings-Smith Aye A. Silverblatt L. Jackson Aye E. Woods Aye K. Scott Aye E. White Aye

- E. Barnard made a motion to Approve HR001.
- J. Flory seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

J. Flory Aye E. Woods Aye K. Scott Aye L. Jackson Aye D. Catchings-Smith Aye Absent K. Moye A. Silverblatt Aye E. White Aye E. Barnard Aye

#### **IV. Board Committee Reports**

#### A. Finance & Facilities

- L. Jackson shared there are some considerations of staff changes, due to the needed teachers for gym, as well as a building sub. Dr. West is working on the budget with EDops to do what is feasible. Board members were in support of hiring new staff to fill the role of a gym teacher and building sub.
- J. Flory made a motion to approve the addition of a new staff member with the understanding that the budget has to support the hire.
- E. Woods seconded the motion.

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

# B. Development

No update at this time.

#### C. Governance

1. Edie Bernard - shared the date of September 23, 2023, from 9:00a to 1:00 p as the date and time for the Board retreat.

2. The agenda will be sent out on September 9, 2023, for any feedback.

#### D. School Performance

- 1. Dr. Woods will be joining the School Performance Committee.
- 2. Dr. Woods suggested that now that the school will launch the committee will have better data in order to provide good performance evaluations.

#### V. Executive Director Report

# A. Updates

- 1. The Executive Director provided updates on goals and benchmarks.
- 2. Provided an update on staffing and staffing adjustments.
- 3. Dr. West reported that the school is on track with compliance goals for opening.

  Marsha, a member of the Commission will visit the school for the final run-through and approval for opening.
- 4. Please see Director's report and presentation: <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16HV7xnzVjuOqlUb0TTxqcnzZkYK">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16HV7xnzVjuOqlUb0TTxqcnzZkYK</a> z7j2/edit#slide=id.gf95957

# **B.** Facilities/Recruitment Report

- 1. B. Taylor shared that there has been an increase in recruitment efforts, including 2-3 weekly tabling and outreach. All staff have been active in the recruitment.
- 2. Informed committee of the background checks that need to be completed.
- 3. Provided information on the on-time delivery of school furniture.

# VI. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Catchings-Smith