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## St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

### Minutes

#### SLVA September 13, 2023 Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday September 13, 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>

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##### **Directors Present**

A. Silverblatt, D. Catchings-Smith, E. Barnard, E. White, E. Woods, J. Flory, K. Scott

##### **Directors Absent**

L. Jackson

##### **Guests Present**

D. Wright

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#### **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 Sep 13, 2023 at 6:17 PM.

**II. Action Items**

**A. Approve August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from SLVA August 9, Board Meeting on 08-09-23.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Motion to Approve Adjustment to 70 Students and Amend the Contract with Missouri Public Charter School Commission.**

Motion to Approve adjustment to 70 Students and amend contract with Missouri Public Charter School Commission.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**C. Motion to approve contract for MAW Cleaning, LLC for full janitorial services \$48,000**

Motion to Approve contract for MAW Cleaning, LLC for full janitorial services \$48,000.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

A. Silverblatt	Aye
D. Catchings-Smith	Aye
L. Jackson	Absent

**Roll Call**

E. Woods	Aye
K. Scott	Aye
E. White	Aye
E. Barnard	Aye
J. Flory	Aye

**D. Motion to approve the contract for HTP, LLC for media arts instruction for all students \$30,000.**

Motion to Approve the contract for HTP, LLC for media arts instruction for all students \$30,000.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Board Business**

**A. Board Business**

No update at this time

**IV. Board Committee Reports**

**A. Finance & Facilities**

No reports - Committee Chair absent

**B. Development**

no update at this time.

**C. Governance**

1. E. Barnard shared the draft agenda for the board retreat and will follow up with Lennel to confirm a date.
2. The committee discussed possible breakout sessions, the final sessions and facilitators to be confirmed at a later date.

3. A. Silverblatt recommended a new board member with non-profit development experience. Art will provide a resume and begin the process for board candidate selection.

#### **D. School Performance**

No update at this time - student assessments have not been completed. Dr. West will share assessment data at the October meeting.

#### **V. Executive Director Report**

##### **A. Updates - Dr. West**

Dr. West provided updates on goals and benchmarks.

Shared the update on current staffing and staffing adjustments.

Confirmed that the budget has been submitted to DESE.

Asked for support with mental and behavioral health support for students/trauma-informed training for staff.

Advised that a loan request made to The Opportunity Trust for gap funding must have a plan for loan repayment and a path to full enrollment.

Please see Director's Report and presentation:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tRhyTbVbSVZogBsTA\\_t1RyW6wd4uPEhc/edit#slide=id.g24407d328e5\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tRhyTbVbSVZogBsTA_t1RyW6wd4uPEhc/edit#slide=id.g24407d328e5_0)

##### **B. Operations/Recruitment Report - Ms Taylor**

#### **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