

St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

Minutes

SLVA October 18, 2023 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 18, 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, E. Barnard, J. Flory, K. Scott, L. Jackson

Directors Absent

D. Catchings-Smith, E. White, E. Woods

Guests Present

D. Wright (remote), Martha McGeegan (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

E. Barnard called a meeting of the board of directors of St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts to order on Wednesday Oct 18, 2023 at 6:25 PM.

II. Mission Statement

A. Mission Moments

- 1. E. Bernard shared information about a class being taught at Washington University called "Happy Medium" which teaches students media arts.
- 2.
- 3. Dr. West shared a piece of information about one parent's excitement about her student attending St Louis Voices Academy and finding the right fit for her student because of the student's excitement, the mom will be volunteering some of her self-skills at SLVA.

III. Approve September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A. Approve September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A. Silverblatt made a motion to approve the minutes from SLVA September 13, 2023 Board Meeting on 09-13-23.

L. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

D. Catchings-Smith Absent

L. Jackson AyeA. Silverblatt AyeE. White AbsentE. Woods AbsentJ. Flory AyeK. Scott AyeE. Barnard Aye

B. Approve Monthly Quarter Financials

- L. Jackson made a motion to Approve Monthly/Quarterly Financials.
- J. Flory seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Woods AbsentD. Catchings-Smith AbsentL. Jackson AyeA. Silverblatt AyeK. Scott Aye

Roll Call

E. Barnard AyeE. White AbsentJ. Flory Aye

IV. Board Business

A. Board affirmation the 2023-2024 School Year student enrollment goal has been revised to 70 students.

J. Flory made a motion to The Board's affirmation of the 2023-2024 School Year student enrollment goal has been revised to 70 students.

K. Scott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. White AbsentD. Catchings-Smith AbsentJ. Flory AyeK. Scott AyeE. Woods AbsentA. Silverblatt AyeE. Barnard Aye

B. Adoption of revised SLVA 2023-2024 School Year Budget reflecting lower student enrollment goal of 70.

The board will vote once this report has been completed.

C. Board affirmation that the Commission's revised amendment is approved to reflect the 2023-2024 School Year student enrollment goal has been revised to 70 students.

K. Scott made a motion to The Board affirmed that the Commission's revised amendment is approved to reflect the 2023-2024 School Year student enrollment goal has been revised to 70 students.

L. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

K. Scott AyeJ. Flory AyeE. Woods AbsentA. Silverblatt AyeE. White AbsentL. Jackson AyeD. Catchings-Smith AbsentE. Barnard Aye

D. Board to receive weekly Student Enrollment Reports beginning Monday, October 23, 2023.

L. Jackson made a motion to The Board is to receive weekly Student Enrollment Reports beginning Monday, October 23, 2023.

A. Silverblatt seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

K. Scott

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

E. Board to affirm Joint Retreat with The Leadership School on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

K. Scott made a motion to The Board to affirm Joint Retreat with The Leadership School on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

L. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Aye

Roll Call

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

F. Adopt DESE Model Special Education Compliance Plan

K. Scott made a motion to Adopt the DESE Model Special Education Compliance Plan.

J. Flory seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. White AbsentE. Barnard AyeD. Catchings-Smith AbsentK. Scott AyeL. Jackson Aye

Roll Call

A. Silverblatt Aye
E. Woods Absent
J. Flory Aye

V. Board Committee Reports

A. Finance & Facilities

- 1. L. Jackson gave updates on DESE funding.
- 2. Loan application with Opportunity Trust to cover funding gaps.
- 3. Update on budget adjustment for current student enrollment.
- 4. Review/discussion of cash on hand, gross margin, and fund balance due to low enrollment.

B. Development

No update at this time.

C. Governance

E. Bernard shared updates on the planning & the agenda for the board retreat scheduled on November 4th and the information to be presented by the Board On Track representative.

D. School Performance

No update at this time.

VI. Executive Director Report

A. E. D. Updates

- 1. Dr West shared information on the current staffing and enrollments.
- 2. The importance of the staffing roster and ratio to student classroom.
- 3. Shared some of the key achievements and challenges.
- 4. Student NWEA assessments and the academic need for some student evaluations.
- 5. Dr West discussed enrollment, attendance as well as discipline, and suspensions.

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Barnard