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## St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

### Minutes

#### SLVA October 18, 2023 Board Meeting

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##### **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=b3c0NnNxT01rT08zMm9qcGJKTUZlZz09>

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##### **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)

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#### **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. Barnard shared information about a class being taught at Washington University called "Happy Medium" which teaches students media arts.
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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

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

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| J. Flory       | Aye    |
| L. Jackson     | Aye    |
| A. Silverblatt | Aye    |
| E. Woods       | Absent |
| E. White       | Absent |

**Roll Call**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| E. Barnard         | Aye    |
| D. Catchings-Smith | Absent |
| K. Scott           | 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           | Absent |
| E. Woods           | Absent |
| A. Silverblatt     | Aye    |
| J. Flory           | Aye    |
| K. Scott           | Aye    |
| D. Catchings-Smith | Absent |
| E. 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**

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

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

**Roll Call**

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

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|------------|--------|
| J. Flory   | Aye    |
| E. Barnard | Aye    |
| E. Woods   | Absent |
| E. White   | Absent |
| L. Jackson | Aye    |

### **Roll Call**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| A. Silverblatt     | Aye    |
| D. Catchings-Smith | Absent |
| K. Scott           | 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