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## St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

### Minutes

SLVA June 12, 2024 Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday June 12, 2024 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>

Per Missouri Revised State Statute Section 610.021, the Board of Directors may close this meeting for an Executive Session to discuss permissible subjects.

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#### Directors Present

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A. Silverblatt (remote), D. Catchings-Smith (remote), E. Barnard (remote), E. Woods

**Directors Absent**

E. White, K. Scott, L. Jackson

**Ex Officio Members Present**

H. Russell-West

**Non Voting Members Present**

H. Russell-West

**Guests Present**

B. Taylor (remote), D. Wright (remote)

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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 Jun 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

**C. Mission Statement**

Edie Bernard shared a special mission moment she experienced while attending an event at The Opportunity Trust, where St. Louis Voices Academy received an award for Best Instructional Culture.

**II. Actions Items**

**A. Approve May 15,, 2024 Board meeting minutes**

E. Woods made a motion to approve the minutes from SLVA May 15, 2024 Board Meeting on 05-15-24.

E. Barnard seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Barnard	Aye
E. Woods	Aye
K. Scott	Absent
D. Catchings-Smith	Aye
L. Jackson	Absent

**Roll Call**

A. Silverblatt        Aye  
E. White                Absent

**B. Board Committee Review of Annual 990**

It has been documented that the Board has reviewed the 990

**C. Approve May Monthly Financials**

E. Barnard made a motion to To approve the May financials subject to audit.

A. Silverblatt seconded the motion.

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

**D. Approve Monthly Check Register**

E. Woods made a motion to To approve the monthly check register as reviewed.

E. Barnard seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approve The Projected 2025 School Budget**

A. Silverblatt made a motion to To Approve the Projected 2025 School Budget.

E. Barnard seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Board Business**

**A. Approve SLVA Salary & Benefits Schedule**

E. Barnard made a motion to Approve SLVA Salary & Benefits Schedule.

E. Woods seconded the motion.

Dr. Woods recommended adding the date and year to all presentations.

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

**Roll Call**

E. White                Absent  
E. Barnard            Aye  
L. Jackson            Absent  
E. Woods              Aye

**Roll Call**

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

Deborah Catching-Smith discussed some concerns regarding the Board Retreat.

**IV. Board Committee Reports**

**A. Finance and Facilities**

Finance: - Jamie provided updates on the monthly financials, check register, this year's budget, and the projected budget for the next school year. Additionally, she discussed the enrollment numbers and the risk of not meeting the required enrollment for this year's budget. She also shared information on the increase in expenses due to an expected rise in the number of students and staff. There was a discussion of the loan that will be used for the construction and build-out of the classroom space to accommodate the increase in students for the next school year and the future.

**B. Governance**

Edie Bernard briefly discussed the necessary information and documentation required to complete the evaluation of the Executive Director. She emphasized the importance of completing the survey sent via email to all board members, as well as submitting any necessary information before the due date set by the Commission.

Art Silverblatt discussed the current status of the board's standings and the ongoing recruitment process, which includes receiving applications and information about potential board member candidates. He also expressed his intention to contact all applicants.

**C. School Performance**

Dr. Evelyn Woods summarized the committee meeting held on May 29, 2024. Some of the board members along with the Executive Director were in attendance at this meeting. Dr. Woods discussed the board members' responsibilities regarding school performance and academic data. She recommended that the E.D. and the team create a rubric for Media Literacy projects for the upcoming year and integrate Media Literacy, Media Arts, and Storytelling into the curriculum. Dr. Woods also requested a monthly report to ensure that these initiatives align with the mission and vision of SLVA. Additionally, Dr. Woods discussed the end-of-year student data during the meeting.

**V. Executive Director Report**

**A. Executive Director's Update**

Dr. Hollie Russell-West briefly discussed enrollment demographic percentages, current enrollment numbers, enrollment goals, upcoming events, and staffing needs for the upcoming (2024-2025) school year.

## **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