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St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

Minutes

SLVA June 12, 2024 Board Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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