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## St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

### Minutes

#### SLVA October 30, 2024 Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday October 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts  
1220 Olive St. Ste #200  
St Louis, MO 63103

This meeting will be virtual: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85915146951?pwd=b3c0NnNxT01rT08zMm9qcGJKTUZlZz09>

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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 (remote), L. Jackson (remote)

#### Directors Absent

K. Scott

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### **Ex Officio Members Present**

H. Russell-West (remote)

### **Non Voting Members Present**

H. Russell-West (remote)

### **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 Oct 30, 2024 at 6:12 PM.

### **C. Mission Statement**

## **II. Action Items**

### **A. Approve September 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from SLVA September 11, 2024 Board Meeting on 09-11-24.

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

### **B. Approve September Monthly Financial Statement**

There is no financial update for this meeting.

## **III. Board Business**

### **A. Board Update**

There were no new updates for this meeting.

## **IV. Board Committee Reports**

### **A. Finance & Facilities**

There were no new updates for this meeting.

### **B.**

### **Governance Committee**

Edie Bernard shared the details of the Executive Director's contract and inquired whether there are any significant questions or concerns regarding its contents. If there are no major issues, she will proceed with sending out a final version for signature. She also noted that the Model Policies are available for review and expressed some concerns about incorporating any updates that may require revisions. Dr. West will cross-check to ensure there are no newly added policies and will compare them with the approved board policies to confirm alignment.

Art Silverblatt provided a brief overview of the two new board candidates, as well as the five new potential parent candidates expressing interest in joining the board. He will be circulating this information to the other board members for their feedback before submitting it to the Board President for final approval.

### **C. School Performance Committee**

There were no new updates for this meeting.

## **V. Executive Director's Report**

### **A. Executive Reporting Updates**

Dr. West presented the organizational goals, highlighting key areas such as academic achievement, academic growth, reading proficiency, media and storytelling, school culture, attendance and retention, and financial responsibility targets. She also outlined the Year 2 priorities, which focus on alignment-driven goals, setting measurable objectives, and regularly tracking and assessing progress toward these targets. Additionally, Dr. West presented updates on demographics and enrollment, recruitment efforts, school performance metrics, and staffing plans for the 2024-2025 school year. She also shared updates on operations and facilities, including expansion projects, security enhancements, and improvements to the sound system, soundproofing, and recess equipment.

## **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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Catchings-Smith