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# Contra Costa School of Performing Arts

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday January 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

2730 Mitchell Drive  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

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Google Meet Link: CCSPA/ChartHouse Board of Directors Meeting

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nkf-yvbi-bxv>

4229 20th street  
San Francisco, CA 94114

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**Directors Present**

G. Ponikvar, H. Vega, J. Bridge, L. McPhatter-Harris, M. Hennessy (remote), S. Kulak

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

S. Kulak

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

M. Hennessy

**Ex Officio Members Present**

C. Foster

**Non Voting Members Present**

C. Foster

**Guests Present**

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**I. Opening Items****A. Call the Meeting to Order**

H. Vega called a meeting of the board of directors of Contra Costa School of Performing Arts to order on Tuesday Jan 21, 2025 at 5:33 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Establish a Quorum**

Established Quorum at 5:34pm by Heather Vega.

**D. Agenda Review and Adoption**

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

J. Bridge seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Kulak	Absent
J. Bridge	Aye
M. Hennessy	Aye
G. Ponikvar	Aye
H. Vega	Aye
L. McPhatter-Harris	Aye

**II. Public Comments**

**A. Items on the Agenda**

S. Kulak arrived at 5:36 PM.

Sarah Baltazar expressed concern for the future of the school. Sarah is wondering what parents can do during this time to help benefit the school.

Note: Mackenzie Hennessy's power went out at 5:37pm and will return when the power is running again.

**B. Items Not on the Agenda**

No public comments about items not on the agenda were made during this time.

**III. Consent Agenda**

**A. Consent Agenda Items**

Mackenzie Hennessy has returned at 5:41pm

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-03-24.

S. Kulak seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Hennessy	Aye
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**Roll Call**

L. McPhatter-Harris Aye  
G. Ponikvar Aye  
H. Vega Aye  
S. Kulak Aye  
J. Bridge Aye

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Safety Plan.

S. Kulak seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Hennessy Aye  
J. Bridge Aye  
S. Kulak Aye  
H. Vega Aye  
G. Ponikvar Aye  
L. McPhatter-Harris Aye

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to Approve the Dissolution of the Enrollment Committee.

S. Kulak seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Kulak Aye  
G. Ponikvar Aye  
J. Bridge Aye  
L. McPhatter-Harris Aye  
H. Vega Aye  
M. Hennessy Aye

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to approve the Dissolution of the Fundraising Committee.

S. Kulak seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Bridge Aye  
G. Ponikvar Aye  
M. Hennessy Aye  
H. Vega Aye  
S. Kulak Aye  
L. McPhatter-Harris Aye

**IV. Reconvene to Open Session**

**A. Report out on Action Taken in Closed Session**

M. Hennessy left at 6:16 PM.

Reconvened to Open Session at 6:18pm.

The board approved the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release as presented.

## V. Finance

### A. Financial Report

Debbie Howard began presenting the 2025 Monthly Update. Debbie notes that this report was finalized over a week ago so it needs to be updated regarding the school's current position.

Debbie presented the school's current cashflow and would like to follow up with Catherine and Heather on how to best delicate this remaining cashflow for the year. The board discussed the current cashflow and how it may be affected with upcoming internal and external changes throughout the year.

Note: No vote was taken at this time.

## VI. Other Business

### A. Notice of Violation

Catherine presented the Notice of Violation given on December 18th by the Contra Costa County Office of Education. Catherine listed the several grant opportunities that she had attempted to apply for but were rejected by. The board discussed as a group the different strategies and options they have used in the past to help increase recruitment and retain enrollment. Heather discussed the timeline the board members must take on whether they will push the Notice of Violation or accept the Notice of Violation. Overall, the board has deemed using the current finances and resources the school has to help the students and families transition.

### B. Options for Continued Operation

Heather presented the resolution document which presents the plan to close Contra Costa School of Performing Arts to the board. Heather read the document to the board.

L. McPhatter-Harris made a motion to Accept the resolution as amended.

S. Kulak seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

L. McPhatter-Harris	Aye
S. Kulak	Aye
J. Bridge	Aye
G. Ponikvar	Aye
H. Vega	Aye
M. Hennessy	Absent

### C.

## **Executive Summary**

Catherine began presenting the Executive Summary for January 2025.

Catherine discussed the events that have occurred this week on campus and how the school will be moving forward given the current circumstances.

Catherine went over the first semester test scores for each grade with the board.

Catherine presented the upcoming shows that SPA is going to be offering this year.

## **VII. Board Updates**

### **A. Comments from Board Members**

No significant comments were made by the board during this time.

### **B. Future Agenda Items**

No Future Agenda Items were discussed at this time.

## **VIII. 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 7:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Vega