PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Troy J. Broussard Mr. Buddy Boe

Ms. Anne Candies Councilmember Nadine Ramsey

Mr. Silas Cooper Ms. Raquel Richmond

Ms. Celeste Marshall Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Ms. Catherine Morrell

Ms. Madalyn Schenk

Ms. Sarah Usdin

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Mr. Mark Beebe

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Schenk, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Ms. Schenk introduced and welcomed new board member, Sarah Usdin. Ms. Usdin was a current member of the Orleans Parish School Board.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were seven of 13 members present. Quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Morrell moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. Ms. Usdin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The board members went to Nims Blackbox Theatre to watch the Drama students rehearse for *Waiting for Lefty*, a production scheduled for March 15-18, 2017. Mr. Silas Cooper, Drama Department Chair and NOCCA Board Member, described part of the students’ process and the students answered questions regarding their experiences with the play.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ACADEMIC UPDATE

NOCCA Auditions and Lottery

Mr. Blake Coheley, Director of Student Services, updated the board on the status of the audition season, which runs from October to March each year. Letters of response to auditions were mailed March 10, 2017. The Academic Studio Lottery was scheduled for March 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Lupin Hall with confirmation of acceptance due back to NOCCA by April 7, 2017.

Mr. Coheley provided the following detail regarding the application and audition process:

 Applications submitted 606

 Auditions scheduled 518

 Students selected 254

 Students selected at Level I or higher 184

 Students placed on wait list 26

 Applications for Academic Studio 152

 Academic Studio applicants who auditioned 128

 Eligible for Academic Studio Lottery 99

Five parishes where we do not currently have students attending from were represented in the students’ acceptances including East Baton Rouge Parish, Lafayette Parish, Lafourche Parish, Livingston Parish, and Terrebonne Parish. A total of 77 schools across all parishes were represented.

NOCCA INSTITUTE UPDATE

Ms. Sally Perry, Executive Director of The NOCCA Institute (TNI), had no report.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

2017-2018 Budget Update

Ms. Lotte Delaney, NOCCA CFO, shared two documents: FY 2016-17 Budget vs. Expenditures as of February 28, 2017 and FY17 Revenue vs. FY18 Proposed Revenue. Due to an overall 2% reduction in the State General Fund, NOCCA’s proposed revenue was down $65,192.00 net.

Mr. Kyle Wedberg, NOCCA President/CEO, summarized the process by stating that NOCCA’s FY17 Actual Revenue was $7,916,259.00. NOCCA initially requested $9,000,000 for FY18. In response, approximately $8,100,000 was proposed for NOCCA’s FY18 budget. The final recommendation from the Governor reduced NOCCA’s and all state departments by 2% as the Special Session did not realize enough revenue to overcome both the mid-year state budget gap and the anticipated gap in FY18. The overall 2% reduction in the State General Fund translated to a $65,192.00 net reduction in NOCCA’s proposed budget for FY18. At this time, NOCCA’s proposed revenue for FY18 is $7,851,067.00.

Ms. Delaney stated that NOCCA’s FY18 budget would be finalized by mid-June.

OTHER

Ms. Schenk expressed the importance of attending the next board meeting and reminded the board of the change in date from April 11, 2017 to April 12, 2017.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Collective Invention Update

Ms. Fiona Hovenden and Ms. Sonya Lopes, with Collective Invention, presented their final report, NOCCA: The Next Stage, 2016-2017 Strategic Planning Report. The report described what Collective Invention learned during its research including areas of strength and success, areas of threat and opportunity, areas of interest and excitement, untapped resources, and values. Also described were Collective Invention’s recommendations.

Collective Invention asked the board to rank the values listed. A discussion regarding the multiple definitions and perceptions of the listed values ensued. Several NOCCA teachers and administrators were present and joined the discussion.

When asked for agreement on possible future scenarios, several Board Members expressed needing more time and information to make a commitment. Requests included more emphasis on current needs in lieu of planning for additions to programming, feedback from parents and students, consideration of land limitations, and the opportunity for an examined discussion of all future scenarios presented.

It was agreed that more time would be provided for more discussion before a vote.

ADJOURN

Ms. Morrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Usdin seconded the motion. All were in favor. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Madalyn Schenk

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

Date Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_