PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Ms. Sarah Usdin

Mr. Troy J. Broussard

Ms. Anne Candies

Mr. Silas Cooper

Ms. Celeste Marshall

Ms. Catherine Morrell

Councilmember Nadine Ramsey

Ms. Raquel Richmond

Ms. Madalyn Schenk

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Mr. Mark Beebe

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Schenk, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were 10 of 13 members present. Quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Morrell moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Dr. Kit Nelson, Academic Studio Department Chair, shared about the Academic Studio’s Science Pop-Up Museum Day. Middle school students from main feeder schools were invited to attend the event, which included NOCCA students teaching interactive lessons to the middle school students. Dr. Nelson shared one of the projects. The event was considered very successful by the Academic Studio staff.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Ms. Fiona Hovenden and Ms. Sonya Lopes from Collective Invention provided an update regarding Strategic Planning. Ms. Hovenden stated that Collective Invention’s goal was to provide an overall strategic projection over 10 years and to define a set of foundational recommendations.

Presenting collaboratively with the Strategic Planning Committee, the five original Possible Future Scenarios were reviewed and an update on the scenarios was provided. Scenarios One, Two, and Three continued to be viable for discussion whereas discussions regarding Scenarios Four and Five had stopped. An in-depth discussion regarding Scenarios One, Two, and Three ensued, with the goal of identifying a final directional scenario.

Mr. Boe made a motion to establish a Hybrid Scenario from Scenarios One, Two, and Three. This Hybrid Scenario would expand access to NOCCA for more students by creating viable satellite NOCCA programs elsewhere in the state, addressing other barriers to access, and collaborating with other arts professionals to support arts training in Louisiana. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Mr. Kyle Wedberg, NOCCA President/CEO, introduced a draft copy of the Board Bylaws for review. The Bylaws would be presented for action at the June Board Meeting. Mr. Boe would be the point person for the Bylaws.

A draft copy of the NOCCA Faculty Handbook was provided for review. The handbook would be presented for action at the June Board Meeting. Anne Candies would be the point person for the handbook.

The Calendar for 2017-18 School Year was presented for approval. Mr. Boe made a motion to approve the calendar. Mr. Broussard seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER

Ms. Schenk made announcements. The NOCCA Board’s evaluation of Kyle Wedberg, NOCCA President/CEO, would be completed in June. Troy Broussard would be the point person for the Board evaluation while Silas Cooper would be the point person for the Faculty/Staff evaluation.

Ms. Schenk reminded the board to complete the ethics forms provided them.

The board was invited to a TNI Event honoring Elizabeth Rack to be held May 15 in the NOCCA Library.

The board was invited to attend the BEER League NOCCA Reception and Dinner in Baton Rouge on May 24.

Mr. Wedberg shared about the recent loss of Brian Dassler, former NOCCA Chief Academic Officer. An event was held at Press Street Station on April 2 in his honor.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boe moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Morrell seconded the motion. All were in favor. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Madalyn Schenk

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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