

NOCCA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 30, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ms. Anne Candies  
Ms. Rhenea Carter  
Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley  
Ms. Janice R. Manuel  
Dr. Joe Ricks  
Mr. Gary Solomon  
Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas  
Mr. Stephen Weber  
Ms. Robin Williams  
Mr. Carlos Zervigon

EXCUSED:

Mr. Wood Delahoussaye  
Ms. Beth Scioneaux

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Silas Cooper

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Gary Solomon, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were ten members present. A quorum was present.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Dr. Hristo Birbochukov, Classical Instrumental Chair, introduced Sophia Vu, Classical Instrumental Level I 11<sup>th</sup> grade student. Sophia, winner of the LPO Concerto Competition, performed for the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rhenea Carter moved to approve the NOCCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023. Mr. Stephen Weber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other discussion items included community engagement, statewide outreach, Experience NOCCA updates, and audition season updates.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Kit Nelson, Academic Studio Chair, explained the requested Academic Studio lottery policy revision. Mr. Mark Anthony moved to approve the lottery policy revision. Mr. Joe Ricks seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ARTS AND ACADEMICS

Presentations focused on professional development update, Arts Schools Network Conference report, and school rating details.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

The status of the Year-to-date budget was shared and post Hurricane Ida building repair was described.

NOCCA FOUNDATION

Ms. Sally Perry, NOCCA Foundation Executive Director, provided updates on upcoming fundraising events and shared all the programs that the Foundation has been able to support.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Solomon asked questions about ESSER funding and other material presented.

PRESIDENT/CEO

Mr. Silas Cooper, NOCCA President/CEO, provided highlights of campus observations in the previous weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Solomon asked for public comment. There was none.

REMARKS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Solomon asked for any closing remarks or other business. None was offered.

ADJOURN

Dr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Anne Candies seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Attest:

Leigh Traylor  
Recording Secretary

Silas Cooper  
Secretary to the Board

Gary Solomon  
President of the Board

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Gary Solomon, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were nine members present. A quorum was present.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Mission, vision, and values
- Campus culture and related policies
- NOCCA and the Foundation: A symbiotic relationship
- Macro impact of arts education
- Program showcase
- Strategic plan and financial health
- Board development and action planning

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Solomon asked for public comment. There was none.

REMARKS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Solomon asked for any closing remarks or other business. None was offered.

ADJOURN

Dr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Janice Manuel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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