PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Ms. Judy Reese Morse

Mr. Troy J. Broussard Mr. Christian Rhodes

Ms. Anne Candies Mr. Gary Solomon

Ms. Catherine Caldwell

Mr. James Carter

Ms. Catherine Morrell

Ms. Nadine Ramsey

Ms. Raquel Richmond

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Ms. Sarah Usdin

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Mr. Mark Beebe

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Troy J. Broussard, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were nine of thirteen members present and one member arrived shortly after the roll. Ten members present total. Quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Broussard welcomed public comment regarding the minutes of June 25, 2018. There was none. Mr. Buddy Boe moved to approve the minutes of the NOCCA Board Meeting on June 25, 2018. Ms. Nadine Ramsey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE

Mr. Broussard welcomed new board member Mr. James Carter. Mr. Carter is a 1987 NOCCA alumnus. Ms. Judy Reese Morse, not present at this meeting, was also welcomed as a new board member.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Kyle Wedberg, NOCCA President/CEO, introduced Shirley Trusty Corey, the 1973 Founder of NOCCA. Ms. Corey told the story of the beginning of NOCCA 45 years ago. Ms. Corey shared her many experiences and efforts that led to the creation of NOCCA. She was a high school Speech and Drama teacher, was the Educational Director of the Repertory Theatre of New Orleans, was the Supervisor of Cultural Resources of the New Orleans School Board, wrote grants in hopes of funding her vision, wrote guidelines for certifying teachers, and engaged with community leaders and members to build support for the school. Characteristics of the program included pre-professional arts training, artist-teachers reflecting the artist-apprentice model, arts credits earned, and audition required for entrance all at a time when the term arts education didn’t exist at the national level. NOCCA joined a small group of existing arts schools as one of the first of its kind.

Mr. Carter shared his early experience as a NOCCA student and the positive influence that Ms. Corey had on him.

CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Dr. Kit Nelson, NOCCA Director of Academic Studio, presented the qualifications of the current and new teachers in the Academic Studio for the Board’s certification. Three new members were Mr. Justin James, Ms. Parjest Thevenard, and Ms. Leni Ivanovsky. Standards are Master’s Degree or above. Ms. Ivanovsky is on the path to finish her Master’s in about 18 months so was hired provisionally. Mr. Broussard asked for public comment. None was made. Mr. Boe motioned to approve per the recommendation of Mr. Wedberg to certify all teachers with the provisional certificate for Ms. Ivanovsky. Ms. Sarah Usdin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Blake Coheley, NOCCA Director of Admissions and Student Services, presented the October 1 student numbers which are presented to the state department. He described the inclusion of students who attend on-campus (164 students) and off-campus workshops (38 students). Academic Studio had 239 with the total school population at 520. Mr. Coheley described his outreach which included facilitating on-campus and off-campus workshops and visiting administrators at various schools in the region with the goal of reaching a larger number of half-day students. Mr. Wedberg stated an interest in offering summer programs again.

BUDGET

Ms. Lotte Delaney, NOCCA Chief Financial Officer, stated that the annual budget was going to the state department the next day. The existing operating budget of 2018-19 was shared as well as the requested budget for 2019-20. Priorities requested include:

1. Compensation recalibration to make up for shortfalls over the last decade for teachers who have been on the campus for a number of years and haven’t been recognized with raises. This amount is about $650,000 of the $1,000,000.
2. A 4% increase for faculty and staff.
3. Asking for Social Worker and Special Education positions.

The Capital Outlay requests include:

1. Window repair.
2. Roofing on four buildings as well as over an outdoor area for three-dimensional work space in Visual Arts.

Ms. Delaney also presented the NOCCA Acceptable Use Policy that NOCCA is required by the federal government to share with the Board.

THE NOCCA INSTITUTE REPORT

Ms. Sally Perry, The NOCCA Institute Executive Director, shared a list of current and future activities of The NOCCA Institute (TNI).

* November 20 Dr. Jee Yeoun Ko’s Coats for Kids concert in Solomon Family Hall
* February 8 Preservation Hall Jazz Band in Lupin Hall including NOCCA students after 2-3 day residency
* December 21 Annual Home for the Holidays benefitting Daniel C. Price fund
* March 23 Arts and Soul Gala

TNI Executive Board and Staff are focused on a new program, the Bloomberg Philanthropies Arts Innovation and Management Training Program. The $250,000 general operating grant for the institute over three years requires 100% of the Board to give and requires TNI to raise a 20% challenge grant.

Ms. Anne Candies challenged the NOCCA Board to have 100% participation in donating to TNI.

NOCCA PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Mr. Wedberg described some recent activities at NOCCA including hosting the State Arts Council, a delegation from South Africa, and a legislative lunch. He also described that he, Dr. Nelson, and Dr. Richard Collins, NOCCA Director of College Advancement, all attended and presented at the National Arts Schools Network Conference.

Mr. Wedberg discussed two documents which outlined state ACT and EOC scores and NOCCA’s ranking on those lists. He reminded the board that the only admission requirements for Academic Studio students is an arts audition and a 2.0 grade point average.

Mr. Coheley told the Board about the NOCCA Stage Company’s production of All is Calm December 6-8 2018.

Mr. Wedberg told the Board about a GoFundMe account for students who lost their apartments to fire in Boston recently.

Ms. Candies asked about hiring for Protocol. Mr. Coheley informed her of timeline and that the hope is that both Protocol and Special Education posts should be filled by Thanksgiving Holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boe motioned for the Board to move into Executive Session. Ms. Beth Scioneaux seconded the motion. All were in favor. Executive Session began at 6:20 p.m. and ended at 6:27 p.m.

Mr. Boe asked why the Board wasn’t meeting until Feb 12th and expressed that it seemed like a long stretch. Mr. Broussard said the holidays were discussed as the reason why there was such a long time between this meeting and the next.

Mr. Broussard asked for remarks public comments and there were none. Ms. Raquel Richmond motioned to adjourn. Ms. Catherine Morrell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Troy J. Broussard

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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