PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Mr. James Carter

Ms. Leslie Bouie Rep. Candace Newell

Ms. Anne Candies Ms. Sarah Usdin

Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley

Ms. Janice R. Manuel

Ms. Judy Reese Morse

Mr. Christian Rhodes

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Mr. Gary Solomon

Mr. Jefferson Turner

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Mr. Mark Beebe

Ms. Stefini Salles

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Buddy Boe, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were ten of thirteen members present. Quorum was present.

COVID-19 FOR 2020-21

Mr. Kyle Wedberg shared three items regarding policy response to COVID-19 for 2020-21.

The NOCCA policy for quarantine period for contact quarantine is currently 14 days. Though some guidance has recommended 7-10 days, NOCCA Leadership will continue to use the “gold standard from CDC” of 14 days length of quarantine if exposed.

Orleans Parish School Board has moved to all virtual with a plan to revisit the decision on January 21, 2021. NOCCA’s current plan was to return in a Hybrid Model on January 25, 2021. NOCCA Leadership has decided to move the return date for Hybrid start to February 1 to allow for time to hear Orleans Parish School Board’s decision when it reconvenes and give staff and families time to plan accordingly if changes in NOCCA’s schedule result.

In an effort to move into the remainder of the year as safely as possible, Mr. Wedberg shared the decision to keep Academic Studio instruction online for the remainder of the year with Arts classes engaging in the Hybrid Model schedule. Doing so limits exposure by helping manage pods of students with greater efficiency. It also effects the number of students who would have to quarantine if exposure happens.

There are two exceptions. One is to continue to bring some Academic Studio students who have struggled to campus for in-person support. The other exception is to accommodate those families who experience logistical issues with the plan and need to transport students early in the day in order for them to be able to attend the arts later in the day.

Mr. Jefferson Turner shared that many teachers are concerned about returning in the Hybrid Model. Mr. Christian Rhodes remarked on the necessary balance that must be met between responding to the state’s guidance to provide in-school learning and keeping the staff and students as safe as possible.

REMARKS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Boe asked for remarks/other business from the Board. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Gary Solomon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Buddy Boe

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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