

NOCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ms. Anne Candies
Ms. Rhenea Carter
Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley
Mr. Wood Delahoussaye
Ms. Janice R. Manuel
Dr. Joe Ricks
Mr. Gary Solomon
Mr. Stephen Weber
Mr. Carlos Zervigon

EXCUSED:

Ms. Beth Scioneaux
Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas
Ms. Robin Williams

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Silas Cooper

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Gary Solomon, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The Board moved into Lupin Hall to watch a brief presentation by the cast of *CHICAGO*. Ms. Amy Holtcamp, Chair of Theatre Arts, shared that the group of students was currently in rehearsal for the upcoming full production of *CHICAGO*.

NOCCA FOUNDATION

Mr. Solomon announced that Ms. Sally Perry, NOCCA Foundation Executive Director, was working from home while facing treatment for a difficult cancer. Mr. Silas Cooper shared that while meeting virtually with her she expressed that she is working remotely due to not being able to be in groups at this time.

Mr. Richard Read, NOCCA Foundation Director of Development and Communications and presenting for Ms. Perry, informed the Board of the upcoming Art & Soul Gala on May 18 and Give NOLA Day on May 7. He described the success of the recent King Cakes sales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wood Delahoussaye moved to approve the NOCCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024. Ms. Janice Manuel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Andy Bower, Director of Community Engagement, reviewed the numerous local and statewide events including Homer Plessy's visit to NOCCA, the Dance Department's trip to Destrehan High School, the Visual Arts workshop in Alexandria, and the Morris Jeff Art Show in Press Street Gallery as well as upcoming events such as Kipp Central City Art Show, the Musical Theatre workshop in Shreveport, the Alvin Batiste Jazz Society event, and ArtBreak in Caddo Parish. Dr. Kit Nelson commented on the success of the Black Culture Club Event.

Dates of upcoming performances and events at NOCCA were shared.

The numbers of students reached by Feb 1st of this year had increased to 1,473.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Anna Schwab reported that NOCCA was on track with the planned budget.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Solomon extended the invitation for the Board members to share any legislative connections they may have in preparation for future outreach.

PRESIDENT/CEO

Mr. Silas Cooper shared that the overall number of applicants was down but that the Department Chairs felt the pool was strong. Dr. Joe Ricks shared that overall the population of high school students has decreased.

Mr. Cooper described that the Student and Parent Handbook was being updated after several listening sessions with various groups across campus. The Board will receive the handbook at the next Board Meeting.

The Board was invited to attend the upcoming Senior Saturday, April 20 from 10:00-5:00.

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

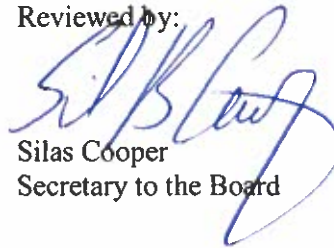
Dr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Delahoussaye seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by:



Leigh Traylor
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:



Silas Cooper
Secretary to the Board

Attest:



Gary Solomon
President of the Board

Date Approved: 05/01/2024






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