PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley Ms. Rhenea Carter

Mr. Wood Delahoussaye Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Ms. Janice R. Manuel

Dr. Joe Ricks

Mr. Gary Solomon

Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas

Mr. Stephen Weber

Ms. Robin Williams

Mr. Carlos Zervigon

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Silas Cooper

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Gary Solomon, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STUDENT PRESENTATION

The board walked to the Black Box for the student presentation. The Theatre Arts students performed a piece from their upcoming show *Holiday Stories*. The show was directed by Mr. Blake Coheley, Director of Admissions and Student Services, with Musical Direction by Mr. Jose Simbulan, Musical Theatre faculty. The Theatre Arts students surprised Ms. Lotte Delaney with a large sign wishing her a wonderful retirement. This board meeting is her last at NOCCA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stephen Weber moved to approve the NOCCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024 and the NOCCA Board of Directors Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024 in globo. Ms. Janice Manuel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

The board was introduced to several new staff members: Mr. Kane Bourque, IT Manager; Ms. Nancey Carter, Operations Manager; and Ms. Prinsey Walker in her new role as Director of Community Engagement.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Anna Schwab, Deputy CFO, reported that the budget was on pace for this time of year.

In addition, a document entitled “Department of Education (DOE) Certificated and Support Staff Stipends” was presented. An allocation was received from the DOE for a one-time, non-recurring payment for certificated and support staff, with guidelines for determining which staff members belonged to each group. Classified employees to receive $1,000 and Unclassified employees to receive $2,000. Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas motioned to approve the policy. Mr. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. A vote was held. Motion approved.

OPERATIONS

Ms. Carter presented the “Security Camera Policy” for approval. Discussion of the policy and relevant laws ensued and there were recommendations from the board for changes to the policy. In response, the decision was made for legal counsel to review the verbiage and recommend updates. The policy will be brought before the board after these updates are made.

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Walker shared statewide outreach with the board. NOCCA expanded into five new cities over the summer. Ms. Walker shared a slide show with photos from the various summer programs.

Experience NOCCA expanded this year with Audition Information Sessions, Audition Workshops, and Audition Prep Workshops. This year there are two sessions: Fall and Spring. Mr. Coheley shared the October 1 numbers.

ARTS AND ACADEMICS

Dr. Kit Nelson asked the board to certify the Academic Studio faculty for 2024-25. Mr. Wood Delahoussaye motioned to certify the Academic Studio faculty for 2024-25. Ms. Manuel seconded the motion. A vote was held. Motion carried.

Dr. Nelson asked for approval of the Student/Parent Handbook revisions to sections titled “Disciplinary Review Committee (“DRC”),” p. 31; “Parent/Legal Guardian,” p. 32; “Process for Re-entry,” p. 33. Dr. Ricks motioned to approve the revisions. Mr. Delahoussaye seconded the motion. A vote was held. Motion passed.

NOCCA FOUNDATION

The NOCCA Foundation had an event and was unable to attend.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Solomon provided an update on the status of the purchase of the Chevron Forum.

Mr. Solomon thanked Ms. Delaney for her many years of service and wished her will in her retirement.

PRESIDENT/CEO

Mr. Cooper thanked Ms. Delaney for her valuable partnership over the past few years and for her dedication to NOCCA for so many years as NOCCA CFO.

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

Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Silas Cooper Gary Solomon

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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