

NOCCA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 15, 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ms. Rhenea Carter  
Mr. Wood Delahoussaye  
Ms. Janice R. Manuel  
Dr. Joe Ricks  
Mr. Gary Solomon  
Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas  
Ms. Robin Williams  
Mr. Carlos Zervigon

EXCUSED:

Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley  
Ms. Beth Scioneaux  
Mr. Stephen Weber

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 seven members present. A quorum was present. An eighth member arrived at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rhenea Carter moved to approve the NOCCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025. Ms. Janice Manuel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ARTS AND ACADEMICS (Dr. Kit Nelson and Ms. Kesha McKey)

Dr. Kit Nelson shared that NOCCA received an "A" School Performance Score. Most proud of two other recognitions. As a Top Gains Honoree, NOCCA is acknowledged for significant student growth, and as an Opportunity Honoree, the acknowledgement is for support of SpEd, English Language Learning, and Economically Disadvantaged students.

Ms. Kesha McKey described other recent award acknowledgements, including an award from the St. Jude Outreach Organization and the Art Schools Network (ASN) Exemplary School designation.

OPERATIONS

Ms. Nancey Carter presented the "Security Camera Policy" for approval. Ms. Rhenea Carter motioned to approve. Mr. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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

#### STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Blake Coheley mentioned the application deadline January 17. He also shared that the number of applications coming in was at about the same number as last year. Mr. Coheley shared regarding the first-ever Homecoming on May 5-10. Ms. Prinsey Walker shared that more students have been bussed over to NOCCA for afternoon performances as part of community outreach.

#### NOCCA FOUNDATION

Ms. Elizabeth McMillan outlined the programs that the Foundation has been able to support this school year. All programs have received money to either upgrade equipment or purchase new equipment. Professional Development and Mental Health programs have also been supported. The new Aspirations publication has been printed and distributed. Saturday, May 17 is the chosen date for the Art & Soul Gala. King Cakes are currently being sold.

#### BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Solomon yielded his time to Executive Session.

#### PRESIDENT/CEO

Mr. Silas Cooper yielded his time to Executive Session.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Carlos Zervigon made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a legal update and advice relating to the Chevron Forum Purchase, lease arrangements, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the NOCCA Foundation, and Security Camera Policy. Mr. Wood Delahoussaye seconded the motion. Executive Session started at 5:22 p.m.

Mr. Delahoussaye made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Ms. Carter seconded the motion. The board moved out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at 6:31 p.m.

#### 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

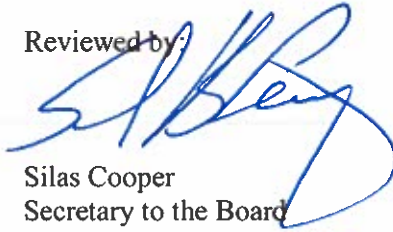
Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Submitted by:



Leigh Traylor  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:



Silas Cooper  
Secretary to the Board

Attest:



Gary Solomon  
President of the Board

Date Approved: 03/26/2025