

# **Academy of Visual & Performing Arts**

## **February 2025 Board Meeting**

**Date:** February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** 4200 South Freeway, Suite 1940, Fort Worth, Texas 76115  
Conference Room (Front/Cafeteria)

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86551288304?pwd=uSalzHeTiyMLIgMfi5YeMlml0SsfQZ.1>

### **AGENDA:**

#### **I. CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER**

#### **II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board Member	Present	Absent
Sergio Gonzalez, Board Chair		
Tyrone Malone, Board Secretary		
Kirk Washington, Board Member		
Dr. Serge Francois, Board Member		
Krista Franklin, Board Member		

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Interim Superintendent Report
- B. Select an Independent Auditor
- C. Consent Agenda Items\*
  - 1. Appointment of New Board Members
  - 2. Appointment of Vacant Officer
  - 3. Budget Amendment
  - 4. Charter Amendment
  - 5. Registered Agent Replacement for Illumination Education Inc.

#### **V. CLOSED SESSION**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 557, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting

is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

- Gov't Code 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney regarding confidential legal matters
- Gov't Code 551.072 – Deliberations regarding real property
- Gov't Code 551.073 – Deliberations regarding prospective gifts
- Gov't Code 551.074 – Deliberations regarding Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee
  - Interim Superintendent Contract
  - Separation Agreement with former Superintendent

#### VI. RECONVENE OF OPEN SESSION

- Consider and take possible action on items discussed in closed session
- Consider and take possible action to approve Interim Superintendent Contract
- Consider and take possible action to approve Separation Agreement with former Superintendent

#### VII. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING

\*When the Board approves the "Consent Agenda," all listed items are adopted through a single motion unless a Board member requests the removal of a specific item for separate consideration and vote.



## AVPA Board Meeting

2/18/2025 - 6:30PM

**Location: 4200 South Freeway, Suite 1940, Fort Worth, Texas 76115  
Conference Room (Front/Cafeteria)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman, Sergio Gonzalez.

Role was called:

Sergio Gonzalez-In person

Tyrone Malone (online)

Dr. Franchois-In person

Mark Washington-In person

Krista Franklin-In person

Interim Superintendent- In person

Meeting began with recommendations of new Board Members:

- Caleb Johnson
- John Altshuler

And Cabinet Members:

- Tyrone Malone-Vice Chair
- Krista Franklin-Secretary
- Caleb Johnson-Treasurer

Was appointed by Chair and affirmed by the board.

### **Progress Report:**

- ESC Region 11 is assisting with Payroll, Academic Supports, PEIMS Reports, and SPED Services.
- PEIMS Fall Submission, the Resubmission, and the Mid-Year Submission have all been submitted to TEA. We are working with Region 11 to get the Mid-year Re-submission completed by the deadline 2/27/25.

- Every school has to have a mid-year audit. It is an independent audit and we must have it to comply with TEA regulations.
- Complying with all TEA requests as issued.
- School and student schedules have been updated and the new schedules were implemented today.
  - Schedules were changed to balance classes and create true classroom sizes
  - Teachers' classrooms were moved to minimize travel time and increase instructional time
  - Class size will continue to be 20:1
  - The current student body is 127 students
- Stakeholder meetings with faculty/staff, students, and parents have taken place and were positive. As explained to all stakeholders, a temperature check will be provided by May 1st on the state of the school.
  - At that time, the decision to gracefully close the school or move into the next school year. We can't keep adding if we can't pay. More students =more services.
  - Until that time, there will be no new enrollment efforts. We will focus on stabilization of the school.
    - Region 11 is helping
      - STAAR support
        - Teachers have to be trained for STAAR
    - We need a math, ELAR, Science, and Theatre teacher.
- Administrator changes to come. Principal Dismuke and Assistant Principal Robertshaw have both resigned effective Friday, February 21, 2025.
  - Both principals are leaving effective tomorrow, Friday.
  - A principal will hopefully be hired by next week; the search has already begun.

**Item for Consideration:**

In order to complete TEA's Mid-year Resubmission an independent audit of the school's finances needs to take place. Here are some audit firms recommended by ESC Region II to consider:

- Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC - 940-766-5550

- Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, PC - 940-387-8563
- Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P. - Waco - 254-772-4901
- Snow Garrett Williams, CPAs - 817-596-9301
- Freemon, Shapard & Story - 940-322-4436
- Haynie & Company - Dallas - 214-296-0900
  - The superintendent recommended Freemon, Shapard & Story - Haynie & Company - Dallas - because they are familiar with small, charter schools.
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**Consent Agenda Items:**

Superintendent Natalie suggested that we clump all consent items and vote once.

- Budget Amendment - Consider the new proposed Budget. Another budget amendment will be needed later once we get a better understanding of the expenditures.
- Charter Amendment to keep only 6th, 7th & 8th grade not adding 9th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.
  - A recommendation was made to amend the charter and keep the school as a middle (6-8) for next year by the superintendent.
  - High school is expensive.
  - "I want us to do really academically and financially. Next year, we are on the chopping block for testing scores". Superintendent Natalie
- Appointing a new Registered Agent with the Secretary of State for Illumination Education, Inc.
  - Was tabled to next meeting

Dr. Francois made a motion for consent of all items. Mark Washington seconded.

Close Section:

After the close section, Krista Franklin made a motion for all items and Dr. Francois second it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30