

NOCCA
Board of Directors
April 12, 2022 - 5:00 pm
Virtual Board Meeting
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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. NOCCA Student Performance – Musical Theatre’s *Pippin*
- IV. Approval of Board Minutes – March 15, 2022 - **Action**
- V. NOCCA Board Chair Report
 - a. President/CEO Search Personnel Committee Update
 - b. Other
- VI. NOCCA Arts and Academics (Ms. Kesha McKey and Dr. Kit Nelson)
 - a. Performance season
 - b. Junior/Senior Prom
 - c. Covid-19 numbers
 - d. ACT scores
 - e. Other
- VII. Student Services (Mr. Blake Coheley)
 - a. Calendar 2022-23 - **Action**
 - b. Student numbers for 2022-23
 - c. Lottery update
 - d. Graduation/Celebration update
 - e. Summer statewide virtual instruction
 - f. Other
- VIII. DNA Awards (Mr. Brian Hammell)
- IX. NOCCA Foundation
 - a. Art & Soul Gala
 - b. Other
- X. NOCCA Interim President/CEO Report
- XI. Remarks/Other Business
- XII. Public Comment
- XIII. Adjourn

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Final Board Meeting **June 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

NOCCA
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mr. Buddy Boe
Ms. Anne Candies
Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley
Ms. Janice R. Manuel
Ms. Beth Scioneaux
Mr. Gary Solomon
Mr. Jefferson Turner
Mr. Carlos Zervigon

EXCUSED:

Ms. Leslie Bouie
Mr. James Carter
Mr. Wood Delahoussaye
Ms. Judy Reese Morse
Mr. Christian Rhodes

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Silas Cooper

COUNSEL:

Mr. Mark Beebe

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

NOCCA STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Lara Naughton, NOCCA College Counselor, reported on the Posse Foundation Awards. Posse Foundation is a national organization that awards full tuition scholarships to students who show extraordinary leadership potential. Most of the students selected come from low income households and many are first generation to college. Posse New Orleans partners with Tulane, Notre Dame-Indiana, Villanova-Pennsylvania, Case Western-Ohio, and Illinois Wesleyan. Each college awards ten scholarships. Those ten students become a posse of mutual support before, during and after their college experience. Posse provides mentor and training during each of these periods as well. NOCCA had six Posse winners this year: Oscar Foster, Culinary Arts, will attend Tulane; Camron Irvin, Visual Arts will attend Illinois Wesleyan; Zariah Duncan, Musical Theatre, will attend Illinois Wesleyan; Jordan Colin, Jazz Instrumental

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will attend Illinois Wesleyan; Semaj Young, Drama, will attend Illinois Wesleyan; and Makana Ford, Dance, will attend Villanova.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Carlos Zervigon moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 NOCCA Board Meeting. Ms. Rachel Davis-Haley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was completed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NOCCA BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Buddy Boe asked the Board to authorize him to create a special committee to search for the new President/CEO. Ms. Anne Candies motioned to authorize Mr. Boe to create a President/CEO search committee. Mr. Zervigon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted. All were in favor. Motion passed.

NOCCA ARTS AND ACADEMICS

Mr. Cooper announced that as of Monday, March 21, 2022 in alignment with Centers for Disease Control recommendations, NOCCA intends to move to a mask-optional campus with no restriction on size of assembly.

Dr. Kit Nelson, Director of Academic Studio, asked for a motion to amend the provided update to the Student and Parent Handbook regarding credit recovery. Specifically, the sentence "If a student receives an 'F' or no credit for more than 3 credits, they will not be invited to return to Academic Studio" will be amended to read "If a student receives an 'F' or no credit for more than 2.5 credits, they will not be invited to return to Academic Studio." Mr. Jefferson Turner motioned to approve the amendment to the provided update regarding credit recovery. Ms. Candies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Other updates describe what grades show on the student's transcript, describe summer credit recovery specifics, and outline that 12th grade students may be withheld from arts classes or may attend summer courses to complete credit recovery.

Mr. Turner motioned to approve the amended update to the Student and Parent Handbook regarding Credit Recovery. Mr. Gary Solomon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Kesha Mckey, Director of Arts, spoke of NOCCA's Performance Season. The new mask-optional policy will allow for in-person performances for the first time in a long while. Next week, Musical Theatre will perform the musical *Pippin* for the entire student body in three separate performances. There will also be a nighttime performance for families and VIP guests. Other upcoming in-person performances for students and families were shared with the board.

Mr. Cooper reiterated the importance of the students in all eleven disciplines experiencing and respecting each other's artistic growth.

NOCCA STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Blake Coheley, NOCCA Director of Admissions and Student Services, shared the audition results for the 2022-23 school year. Of the total of 497 applications, 380 were submitted and 336 auditioned. There were 204 student accepted. Eighty students are eligible for the Academic Studio 9th grade lottery and sixty-six will be placed. The lottery will be recorded on March 30, 2022 with a legislative auditor present and then linked on the website for the public. The Academic Studio Graduation will be Friday, May 13, 2022 and the Celebration Ceremony will be split into two groups but both on Monday, May 16, 2022. The application for the virtual statewide summer program is live.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lotte Delaney, NOCCA CFO, reported that the summer program was going to be funded by federal ESSER funds. NOCCA's first budget hearing would be Monday, March 28, 2022 before the House Appropriations Committee. In support of the budget hearing process, Mr. Solomon asked if the Board could provide introductions to statewide legislative contacts. NOCCA will provide a list of legislators to the Board for confirming contacts for introductions. Regarding Hurricane Ida FEMA and insurance status, Ms. Delaney reported that wind-driven rain damage is not covered by the state's insurance, which describes most of the damage to the E building and F building. Those two buildings combined have over \$100,000 in damage. Most of the damage to buildings A, B, C, and D will be covered by insurance, but there are complications to the potential timing of this construction due to the current roofing project. The FEMA claims are behind the insurance claims.

NOCCA FOUNDATION

Ms. Sally Perry, NOCCA Foundation Executive Director, highlighted the continued, successful collaboration with Mr. Cooper, illustrated by the mutual representation on the search committee for the open Foundation Director of Alumni Affairs position. All of the core programs that the Foundation supports are fully funded, allowing for building up reserves for the next fiscal year. The Foundation sold a record number of 3700 King Cakes for a total gross of \$106,000. For the Art & Soul Gala raffle, Ms. Perry was happy to report that a Lincoln Corsair was donated. The Gala will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

NOCCA INTERIM PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Mr. Cooper reported on the commitment to complete the Beloved Communities Equity Cohort Audit which the Foundation is writing a grant to support. In addition, the NOCCA Equity Committee and the Foundation Equity Committee recently had a joint meeting in which both groups felt inspired for the continued work ahead. Mr. Cooper shared how beneficial it was getting to know the individual board members in the scheduled 1:1 meetings and invited those that had not met with him yet to reach out to schedule one. In closing, Mr. Cooper expressed how much he was enjoying his role as President/CEO and

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that he found the skills required were similar to those he utilizes in his art: staying focused, maintaining stability and calm, staying in the moment, and not losing track of the overall objective.

REMARKS/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Boe asked for any closing remarks/other business. There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURN

Mr. Solomon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Zervigon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Attest:

Leigh Traylor
Recording Secretary

Silas Cooper
Secretary to the Board

Buddy Boe
President of the Board

Date Approved: _____



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NOCCA Calendar 2022-2023

August 8, 2022 (Monday)	First Day for all faculty
August 11, 2022 (Thursday)	First Day for all students
September 5, 2022 (Monday)	Labor Day Holiday
October 14, 2022 (Friday)	End of 1st Quarter
	Inservice/Record Keeping Day/ <i>(student holiday)*</i>
October 17 & 18, 2022 (Monday/Tuesday)	Fall Holiday*
October 19, 2022 (Wednesday)	Classes Resume/2nd Quarter Begins
November 11, 2022 (Friday)	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 21-25, 2022 (Monday-Friday)	Thanksgiving Holiday*
December 9, 2022 (Friday)	Record Keeping Day/ <i>(student holiday)*</i>
December 16, 2022 (Friday)	Last Student Day before Holiday Break <i>(no 4:00 classes)</i>
	End of 2nd Quarter/End of First Semester
December 19-31, 2022-January 1, 2023	Winter Holiday*
January 2, 2023 (Monday)	Teacher Inservice Day <i>(student holiday)*</i>
January 3, 2023 (Tuesday)	School Reopens/Classes Resume
January 16, 2023 (Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb 17 - Feb 24 , 2023 (Friday-Friday)	Mardi Gras Holiday* <i>(no 4:00 classes on 2/16/23)</i>
Feb 27, 2023 (Monday)	Classes Resume
March 17, 2023 (Friday)	End of Third Quarter
	Inservice/Record Keeping Day/ <i>(student holiday)*</i>
March 20, 2023 (Monday)	First day of 4th Quarter
April 6-April 10, 2023 (Thursday-Monday)	Spring Holiday*
April 11, 2023 (Tuesday)	Classes Resume
May 12, 2023 (Friday)	Inservice/Record Keeping Day/ <i>(student holiday)*</i>
	Academic Studio Graduation/Class of 2023
May 15, 2023 (Monday)	Celebration Monday/ <i>(student holiday)*</i>
May 16, 2023 (Tuesday)	Classes Resume
May 18, 2023 (Thursday)	End of Fourth Quarter/Semester II
	Last Day of School for Students
May 19, 2023 (Friday)	Grade Day/Faculty Last Day* <i>(No Students)</i>

**In case of emergency, student make-up days will be taken from existing days/holidays in the above schedule.*

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