PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Ms. Raquel Richmond

Ms. Leslie Bouie Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Mr. Troy J. Broussard Mr. Jefferson Turner

Ms. Anne Candies

Mr. James Carter

Ms. Nadine Ramsey

Ms. Judy Reese Morse

Mr. Christian Rhodes

Mr. Gary Solomon

Ms. Sarah Usdin

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Ms. Jennifer Bergeron

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Troy J. Broussard, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Dr. Richard Collins described the Posse Foundation and introduced three students who had been offered Posse Scholarships. The Posse Foundation sends students to selective colleges with full tuition scholarships. A rigorous interview process is required to become a Posse Scholar and NOCCA’s three Posse Scholars were present at the meeting. Kamryn Roane, 12th grade Musical Theatre Level IV Academic Studio student, will attend Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. Kamryn described her almost life-long interest in attending NOCCA and experience of learning how to confidently bring her voice into the room. I’Maya Gibbs, 12th grade Drama Level III Academic Studio student, will attend Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. I’Maya described her experience of learning to persevere through failure. I’Maya joined Academic Studio as a senior. Dontrel Mitchell, 12th grade Media Arts IV student, will attend Case Western Reserve University as well. Dontrel described his experience of learning to be a member of a team. Dontrel plans to study Computer Engineering.

Mr. Gary Solomon asked the students to name one thing on which NOCCA could improve. The students expressed an interest in increasing interaction between disciplines, increasing communication between levels within a discipline and with teachers, and increasing the public’s awareness of NOCCA students as “normal” students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Broussard welcomed public comment regarding the Board Meeting minutes of August 26, 2019. There was none. Mr. Buddy Boe moved to approve the minutes of the NOCCA Board Meeting of August 26, 2019. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

THANK YOU

Mr. Kyle Wedberg thanked Ms. Nadine Ramsey for her years of exceptional service on the Board. Her term of service has come to end. Ms. Leslie Bouie was welcomed as proxy for Senator Joseph Bouie.

STUDENT SERVICES/ACADEMIC STUDIO UPDATE

Mr. Blake Coheley, Director of Student Services, shared the proposed NOCCA 20-21 School Year Calendar and requested the Board’s approval. Ms. Sarah Usdin asked if there were extra days on the calendar to prepare for the potentiality of missed days due to weather, etc. Mr. Coheley stated that there were extra days per semester. Mr. Boe made a motion to approve the NOCCA 20-21 School Year Calendar. Ms. Usdin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Coheley commented on the current application and audition process. Although the deadline for applications had passed, NOCCA was still accepting late applications. There were approximately 100 more applications this year than last year. Mr. Coheley described a successful new outreach effort, Pop-Up Art Day, which brought over 150 students to the NOCCA campus.

FINANCE

Mr. Wedberg listed some areas addressed in the requested budget such as:

Creating pay equity of long serving faculty members $500,000

Hourly employees $ 50,000

Summer Intensive $100,000

Full-time DPS Officer $ 80,000

Mr. Wedberg said they had not yet seen the final submission of the Governor’s budget. There is a hold up on the revenue forecast and a chance there will be a reversion to last year’s budget. A budget should be received by the end of the month.

THE NOCCA INSTITUTE REPORT

Ms. Sally Perry, Executive Director of The NOCCA Institute (TNI), stated that Home for the Holidays was a very successful event with net proceeds benefitting the Student Success Program. A piece of art created specifically for the Art & Soul Gala auction by NOCCA Visual Arts faculty Keith Perelli was shown to the Board. Entertainment for the Art & Soul Gala will be provided by NOCCA alums. A new addition to the Gala at the Patron Level will be a Champagne Reception at the home of one of the co-chairs. Higher-end auction items will be available for viewing and special guests may be present.

Ms. Rachel Swan was introduced as the new Director of Alumni Affairs. Ms. Swan is an alum; attended University of Evansville; has lived in New York, Washington D.C. and abroad; attended UNO for her masters; and came to TNI from the Greater New Orleans Foundation.

NOCCA PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Mr. Wedberg reported on his recent trip to Cuba with Mr. Michael Pellera, Chair of Jazz Instrumental Music. They joined the delegation from the Trombone Shorty Foundation and the Horns to Havana Program. They brought donations of consumables such as reeds and strings to one of the high schools. Mr. Wedberg and Mr. Pellera attended numerous performances and master classes.

Described next was the soon-to-be signed articulation agreement with the University of New Orleans (UNO) which outlines the process of earning up to 30 college credits for high school courses. The first articulation agreement was signed with Northwestern State University at a meeting on the UNO campus. The next articulation agreement in the works is with Nicholls University.

An update on the NOCCA season was provided with the invitation to attend performances and events.

Mr. Wedberg proudly announced that NOCCA Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Lotte Delaney, was elected as the Orleans Parish Representative of the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) Board.

Mr. Wedberg spoke of the recent loss of Dr. Gene Geisert, the superintendent who first said “yes” to Shirley Corey regarding her idea that led to the creation of NOCCA.

REMARKS/OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Boe made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Christian Rhodes seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Troy J. Broussard

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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