PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Ms. Anne Candies Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley

Ms. Rhenea Carter Ms. Robin Williams

Mr. Wood Delahoussaye

Ms. Janice R. Manuel

Dr. Joe Ricks

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Mr. Gary Solomon

Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas

Mr. Stephen Weber

Mr. Carlos Zervigon

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Silas Cooper

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Gary Solomon, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were nine members present. A quorum was present. One more member arrived during the meeting and brought the total to ten.

INTRODUCTION

The team introduced Ms. Anna Schwab, NOCCA Deputy CFO. Ms. Schwab is currently training with Ms. Lotte Delaney and is happy to join the NOCCA family. Ms. Schwab comes to NOCCA with 20 years of professional dance and choreography experience as well as a history in arts administration.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Ms. Amy Holtcamp, Chair of Theatre Arts, and Mr. Jose Simbulan, Musical Theatre Faculty introduced Tiana Williams, 11th grade Level III Musical Theatre Academic Studio student, who sang a piece from “The Color Purple”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Joe Ricks moved to approve the NOCCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023 and NOCCA Board of Directors Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2023 in globo. Ms. Janice Manuel seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Brian Hammell, Director of Communications, and Mr. Andy Bower, Director of Community Engagement and Statewide Outreach, provided an update on statewide outreach, Experience NOCCA workshop series, and upcoming events. Dr. Ricks discussed the importance of tracking data from these events to inform future planning.

ARTS AND ACADEMICS

Dr. Kit Nelson, Director of Academic Studio, asked the Board to certify the Academic Studio Faculty for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Carlos Zervigon motioned to certify the faculty. Mr. Wood Delahoussaye seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Nelson and Ms. Kesha McKey, Director of Arts, provided an update on the status of ACT Prep, creation of the NOCCA Student Council, and the Student/Parent Handbook review. NOCCA student Julien Weiner provided his perspective on the development of the Student Council. He reported that many students were eager to get involved.

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lotte Delaney, NOCCA CFO, described the building repair that is happening in many places across campus with an estimated timeline for completion of 180 days. In addition, a status update was provided regarding the desired Chevron Forum acquisition.

NOCCA FOUNDATION

Ms. Sally Perry, NOCCA Foundation Executive Director, shared the recent and upcoming Foundation fundraising events highlighting NOCCA’s 50th anniversary, including the October 5 Legacy Donor Luncheon.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Solomon expressed an interest in the Board becoming familiarized with the content of the Student/Parent Handbook.

PRESIDENT/CEO

Mr. Silas Cooper, NOCCA President/CEO, shared some early observations of the newly adopted 2023-24 student schedule. Of special interest was the observation of first year students interacting with older students and the resultant mentoring and leadership skills developing in the older students.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-CEO EVALUATION AND CONTRACT

Mr. Delahoussaye made a motion for the board to go into Executive Session. Ms. Beth Scioneaux seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Dr. Ricks made a motion to return to Regular Session. Mr. Carlos Zervigon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Dr. Ricks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Silas Cooper Gary Solomon

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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