PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Ms. Celeste Marshall

Mr. Troy J. Broussard Ms. Catherine Morrell

Ms. Anne Candies Mr. Christian Rhodes

Mr. Silas Cooper

Councilmember Nadine Ramsey

Ms. Raquel Richmond

Ms. Madalyn Schenk

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Mr. Gary Solomon

Ms. Sarah Usdin

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Mr. Mark Beebe

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Madalyn Schenk called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. Ten of thirteen members were present. Quorum was present.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

NOCCA Classical Vocal Academic Studio 12th grade student, Angel Jambois, shared with the board her happiness with her experience at NOCCA as well as all the schools she was applying to for college, including FSU, Oberlin, and Loyola. She was happy to report that she was offered an academic and talent scholarship to Loyola. Angel recently won second place overall at NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) The board thoroughly enjoyed the piece she performed by Strauss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Buddy Boe made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing litigation. Mr. Silas Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor. Executive Session started at 5:09 PM and ended at 5:40 PM.

EXPULSION POLICY

Mr. Boe made a motion to table the Expulsion Policy discussion until the next regular board meeting to give the board an opportunity to review the edits given by legal counsel. Ms. Sarah Usdin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The discussion was moved to January 23, 2018.

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Lotte Delaney, NOCCA CFO, reported that one of NOCCA’s two boilers necessary to heat the buildings quit working about a year ago. NOCCA had been functioning on one boiler for the last year. There had been a capital outlay project that, due to delays and over-budget bids, had not enabled the purchase of the needed replacement. A temporary boiler was purchased with funds from a state repair budget which would keep the buildings warm in extreme cold. The boiler would be installed on January 11. The plan currently is to install new boilers in May 2018.

Mr. Wedberg reported that everyone on campus who got 1% raises effective August 15, got their second 1% effective January 1. Ms. Delaney reported that State Civil Service employees would receive a 2% raise.

Ms. Delaney explained the status of NOCCA’s FY 19 budget. At the state level, there is a billion dollar shortfall in revenue, due to temporary taxes falling off. At the end of December, the Commissioner of Administration requested a meeting. The Commissioner asked the Special Schools to submit what their schools would look like with a 10% decrease in their general fund. The state general fund is about 75% of NOCCA’s budget, about $600,000. Ms. Delaney and Mr. Wedberg sent a letter to the Commissioner describing that the loss to NOCCA would be extensive and very damaging to NOCCA’s programming.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wedberg reminded the board that NOCCA’s application deadline is January 19, 2018. Mr. Wedberg thanked Ms. Sarah Usdin and the OPSB, stating that NOCCA’s application deadline had been placed on the front page of the OPSB website.

ADJOURN

Ms. Usdin made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Silas Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Madalyn Schenk

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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