PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Ms. Catherine Morrell

Mr. Troy Broussard Councilmember Nadine Ramsey

Ms. Anne Candies

Mr. Silas Cooper

Ms. Celeste Marshall

Ms. Raquel Richmond

Ms. Madalyn Schenk

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Kyle Wedberg

COUNSEL:

Ms. Jaimme Collins

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Madalyn Schenk, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was taken. There were 8 of 13 members present. Quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Boe moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ACADEMIC UPDATE

NOCCA Parallel Academic Pathway Proposal

Mr. Wedberg, NOCCA President/CEO, presented the Academic Plan for Alternative Credit Track, developed for three current senior students at-risk for not graduating in May 2017.

The plan included providing an alternative set of courses for both the credit recovery needed and the coursework for the second semester of NOCCA coursework through St. James Parish Public School online courses. To facilitate these students’ success, a teacher was hired to mentor and provide support in navigating the online coursework. At the successful completion of all coursework, the students will be on track to graduate in May.

Mr. Wedberg stated a commitment to the board to future discussions to share NOCCA’s plans to prevent this situation from reoccurring. Mr. Wedberg asked the board to approve this change to the current credit recovery plan and to allow for the use of the St. James Parish Public School online courses.

Board members asked questions regarding facets of this proposal such as the ramifications of NOCCA’s integrated courses, the feasibility of repeating grades at NOCCA, NOCCA’s minimum G.P.A. requirement, the intended frequency of use of this type of credit recovery, and teacher perception of this type of credit recovery.

Buddy Boe made a motion to amend the agenda to move into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Boe made a motion to move to Executive Session. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Wedberg invited Mr. Coheley and Dr. Richard Collins, NOCCA Chief Academic Officer, to attend the Executive Session.

4:32 p.m. – Executive Session

4:50 p.m. – Returned from Executive Session

Mr. Boe moved to return to record. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NOCCA Parallel Academic Pathway Proposal cont.

Mr. Boe moved to approve the Academic Plan for Alternative Credit Track. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NOCCA INSTITUTE UPDATE

Ms. Sally Perry, Executive Director of The NOCCA Institute (TNI), shared regarding two TNI events. Sullivan Fortner, a distinguished NOCCA graduate, would provide a concert Friday, January 13, 2017. In addition, Mr. Fortner was to perform at the TNI Donor Cultivation Event in the home of a TNI Board member. NOCCA Board members were invited to attend both.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

2017-2018 Budget Update

Ms. Lotte Delaney, NOCCA Chief Financial Officer, explained that NOCCA was on track in the budget review process. Ms. Delaney shared that she has received tentative information that NOCCA may not be included in the second round of mid-year budget cuts from the Louisiana State Department Division of Administration.

Ms. Delaney also shared that the Louisiana State Department Division of Administration’s initial proposed revenue for NOCCA’s 2017-2018 school year did not currently show any cuts for NOCCA. Ms. Delaney explained that in December 2016, NOCCA was asked to submit potential program cuts to the Commissioner of Administration for consideration. The result of that submission was that, at this time, NOCCA had not been included in program cuts for the 2017-2018 school year.

OTHER

Ms. Jaimme Collins, with Adams & Reese, LLP, shared that the NOCCA Board By-Laws and the NOCCA Faculty Handbook were being reviewed and updated and would be presented at a future board meeting for approval.

Mr. Wedberg stated that the NOCCA 2017-2018 calendar would be presented at a future board meeting for approval.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Collective Invention Update

Ms. Fiona Hovenden presented a timeline for Collective Invention’s Strategic Planning process. Ms. Hovenden shared that as part of their collaborative process they have met with a number of focus groups separately, to conduct interviews and listen to ideas. These groups were composed of parents, students, faculty, administration, alumni, and TNI. They also conducted a Futures Exercise with NOCCA faculty and staff. Ms. Hovenden explained that the next step would include presenting a synthesis of ideas to the NOCCA Board in March, a list of possible futures, and strategies for moving forward. At that time, the NOCCA Board would be recruited to determine which vision was most compelling. From there, strategies to make that vision a reality would be presented, followed by a formulation of action steps.

Collective Invention Visionary Work

Ms. Hovenden guided the board members in a visionary exercise in which they were asked to use their imagination to consider possible futures for NOCCA. Following the exercise, responses were shared and discussed.

Ms. Hovenden stated she planned to reach out to each board member individually.

ADJOURN

Mr. Boe moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Scioneaux seconded the motion. All were in favor. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by: Attest:

Leigh Traylor Kyle Wedberg Madalyn Schenk

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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