PRESENT: EXCUSED:

Mr. Buddy Boe Ms. Judy Reese Morse

Ms. Leslie Bouie Mr. Christian Rhodes

Ms. Anne Candies

Mr. James Carter

Dr. Rachel T. Davis-Haley

Mr. Wood Delahoussaye

Ms. Janice R. Manuel

Ms. Beth Scioneaux

Mr. Gary Solomon

Mr. Jefferson Turner

Mr. Carlos Zervigon

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 eleven of thirteen members present. Quorum was present.

NOCCA STUDENT PRESENTATION

The Musical Theatre Department and Theatre Design Department collaborated on the first live student performance to be held on campus since the pandemic, the musical *Pippin*. Jefferson Turner shared a video clip of a recording from that day. Mr. Silas Cooper thanked Mr. Gary Solomon for attending the student performance and Mr. Solomon expressed his enjoyment of being in attendance and feeling the energy and excitement of the entire student body in the auditorium that day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Solomon moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 NOCCA Board Meeting. Mr. Wood Delahoussaye seconded the motion. A roll call vote was completed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

NOCCA BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Boe reported on the developing progress of the President/CEO Search Personnel Committee. A list of potential members was being created by Mr. Boe, Ms. Anne Candies, and Mr. Solomon for presentation to the Board for approval at the June Board Meeting. Mr. Boe invited any interested members to contact him.

Mr. Boe reminded the Board that the individual Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Forms are due May 15, 2022.

NOCCA ARTS AND ACADEMICS

In Ms. Kesha Mckey’s, Director of Arts, absence, Mr. Coheley shared upcoming events with the Board.

Dr. Kit Nelson, Director of Academic Studio, shared that the NOCCA Jr/Sr Prom was a success with over 240 tickets sold. The students thoroughly enjoyed the event held in the NOCCA courtyard complete with a selfie station and food truck.

Dr. Nelson reported that student COVID numbers remain zero.

The juniors took the ACT on campus for the first time and Dr. Nelson reported a summary of scores. The mean score was 22.33% which is higher than last year’s 2nd test score. Ninety three percent qualified for differing levels of TOPS on this first instance of testing.

NOCCA STUDENT SERVICES

Mr. Blake Coheley, NOCCA Director of Admissions and Student Services, presented the NOCCA 2022-23 School Calendar. Ms. Candies motioned to approve the NOCCA 2022-23 School Calendar. Ms. Leslie Bouie seconded the motion. Nine members were in favor. Two members were absent at the time of voting. Motion passed.

The current number of students expected for the 2022-23 school year is 548 students. This number is a little lower than previous years.

The Academic Studio Lottery was held for the incoming 9th grade class as well as for 11th/12th grade entry. A total of eighty-one students were eligible for 9th grade entry. From that total, sixty students were drawn and placed and, with the application of exceptions, the class was then filled to sixty-six. The waitlist was being exercised to fill spots that were declined, with the intent to keep the class to sixty-six total.

Mr. Coheley shared plans for Graduation and Celebration Ceremonies.

In closing, Mr. Coheley reported that the deadline for the NOCCA Statewide Virtual Summer Intensive was being extended in hopes of gaining more interested students. Board members shared ideas on potential statewide contacts to assist in this effort.

DNA AWARDS

Mr. Brian Hammell, Director of Communications, described the First Annual NOCCA DNA Awards to honor students who exemplify the core values of NOCCA’s DNA.

NOCCA FOUNDATION

Ms. Sally Perry, NOCCA Foundation Executive Director, reported on the Art & Soul Gala to be held next month. Items to be included in the auction were described and options for placing bids were shared.

The Student Success Program’s support for Summer Study was shared as well as gratitude for the team that assisted in decision-making.

NOCCA PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

Mr. Cooper reported on his visits to Baton Rouge to meet with the House of Representatives and Senate Committees and his observation of the success of those meetings. Topics of conversation focused on NOCCA’s commitment to serving the entire state.

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

Ms. Candies made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bouie 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 Silas Cooper Buddy Boe

Recording Secretary Secretary to the Board President of the Board

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