Salt Lake Arts Academy Governing Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Salt Lake Arts Academy, 200 East

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Sarah Colonna, Amy Fehlberg, Carol Fineagan, Claudia Geist, Greg Ostrander (Chair), Whitney Provo (arrived late), Shantel Stoff (Treasurer), Kimberly Venable, Nick Vienneau

Board Members Excused: Diana Cabrales (Secretary), Kelly Goff, Catherine Palmer, Reid Prentice, Amy Yuda

Staff Present: Deborah Candler (Principal/CAO), Whitney Childers (Development Director), Jen Guillory (Office Manager & Registrar), Nicole Laird (Business Manager), Markell McCubbin (Director of Academic Engagement), Dan Rose (Assistant Principal)

Others Present: Wendy Frost, Parent

Quorum established.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve October 20, 2025 minutes.
Moved: Shantel Stoff • **Second:** Nick Vienneau • **Vote:** Unanimous.

2. Principal's Report — Deborah Candler

- Discussed options to better educate families prior to the admissions lottery.
- Announced the search for an additional full-time counselor.
- Shared updates on Blind Mule's ongoing behavior-support work.
- Reviewed SLCSD draft calendar options.

Fifth Grade Maturation Curriculum (Vote)

- Curriculum meets USBE requirements and will be sent to parents with permission forms.

Motion: Approve the 5th grade maturation curriculum.
Moved: Amy Fehlberg • **Second:** Nick Vienneau • **Vote:** Unanimous.

Additional Updates

- Adlumen: Alerts tied to out-of-area logins; accounts reactivated as needed.
- ELA RISE Data: SLArts remains above state averages; continued focus on growth.
- Family Support: SNAP-related aid provided to seven families; Giving Tree donations strong.

3. Finance Report — Nicole Laird

- Audit clean aside from new board financial training requirement, now in progress.
- Fee Policy Section F updated for TANF, SNAP, and McKinney-Vento.

Motion: Approve revised Section F of the Fee Policy.
Moved: Kimberly Venable • **Second:** Claudia Geist • **Vote:** Unanimous.

- Basketball court project exceeded initial bid; Squire will advise on procurement compliance.
- Light board no longer functional; replacement options being evaluated.
- Transparency reporting remains current.

4. Student Behavior Update — Markell McCubbin & Whitney Provo

Overview of schoolwide behavior supports including restorative practices, SST processes, RIISE expectations, Advisory SEL lessons, engagement surveys, and tiered interventions. Blind Mule continues observations and coaching.

5. December Meeting Discussion (Vote)

Board initially determined a December meeting was unnecessary.

Motion: Cancel the December 15, 2025 meeting.
Moved: Kimberly Venable • **Second:** Carol Fineagan • **Vote:** Unanimous.

6. Development Report — Whitney Childers

- Shared updates from the October event and admissions night.

- Announced receipt of a $13,000 challenge grant.
- Annual Giving Campaign underway; $15,500 raised to date.

7. Committee Charters

Not ready for vote; no action taken.

8. Requests to Speak

None.

9. Closed Session

Motion: Enter Closed Session.
Moved: Amy Fehlberg • **Second:** Shantel Stoff • **Vote:** Unanimous.

10. Return to Open Session

Motion: Return to Open Session
Moved: Carol Fineagan • **Second:** Kimberly Venable • **Vote:** Unanimous.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Certification

These minutes are prepared from the official meeting transcript and approved records.
Diana Cabrales, Corporate Secretary
Salt Lake Arts Academy Governing Board