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St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

Minutes

SLVA May 17, 2023 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location

Delmar Divine. (Room #10)

5501 Delmar Blvd.

St Louis, MO 63112

All board meetings will be in person.

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Or the following:

- Meeting ID: 936 4830 0851
- Passcode: SLVA2021

Per Missouri Revised State Statue Section 610.021, the Board of Directors may close this meeting for an Executive Session to discuss permissible subjects.

Directors Present

A. Silverblatt, D. Catchings-Smith, E. Barnard (remote), E. Woods, J. Flory, L. Jackson

Directors Absent

E. White, K. Moye

Ex Officio Members Present

H. Russell-West

Non Voting Members Present

H. Russell-West

Guests Present

B. Taylor, D. Wright, William Haft (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Catchings-Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts to order on Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 6:05 PM.

II. Action Items

A. Approve April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from SLVA April 12, 2023 Board Meeting on 04-12-23.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approve April 24, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from STLVA April 24, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting on 04-24-23.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Adoption of School Policies

III. Board Business

A. Board Member Prospect

Board will convene to discuss the prospect of new board member

B. Use of Board On Track

Board president advised all members of becoming more knowledgeable of all the capabilities offered through Board On Track.

C.

Board Member Resignation

Board president announced the official resignation of board member Deborah Allen.

D. Review SLVA 990

Board has reviewed SLVA 990 which was submitted on time. Any further questions should be referred to L. Jackson.

IV. Board Committee Reports

A. Finance & Facilities

1. L. Jackson advised board she is working on the FY24 budget and shared her concerns on vendors and enrollment.
2. Miss Jackson will share FY24 budget plan with board by 5/30/2023 to be approved and submitted to DESE by 6/30/2023.
3. Presented pricing & components for Internet, Wi-Fi and Cybersecurity services offered through AT&T.
4. Discussed with board the benefits for cash in lieu of insurance coverage for non insured employees.

D. Catchings-Smith made a motion to Approve pay or stipend in lieu of insurance for current employees only.

A. Silverblatt seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Development

No update at this time.

C. Governance

No Update at this time.

Discussion on possible recruitment of members for this committee.

D. School Performance

1. Shared information on revision of Public School Charter.
2. Discussed concerns of STL Voices Academy mission
3. Discussion on assessment goals and the measures established by the committee.
4. Discussed the next step in curriculum and professional development for teachers.

V. Executive Director Report

A. Update on student recruitment and enrollment

1. Director shared a brief discussion on the STL Voices Academy mission and model components.
2. B. Taylor presented updates on current student enrollment and the strategies to increase enrollment by the June 1st date set.
3. B. Taylor also shared other activities and goals geared toward increasing student enrollment.
4. E.D. discussed staffing positions filled and number still needed, compensation & benefits, salary schedule, time of policy.
5. Employee handbook to be presented at June meeting.
6. Director shared reports (finance and governance) on the school readiness for opening on target.
7. Discussed due date for 1st payment for deposit and rental.
8. Discussion on what's next with enrollment, facility visits, staffing and other preopening checklist items.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Silverblatt made a motion to Adjourn meeting.

L. Jackson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Catchings-Smith