

**ACADEMY FOR INTEGRATED ARTS  
BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

January 25, 2024

4:30 P.M.

7910 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

Present: Emily Brown, Secretary  
Lynne Brown, Member (Zoom) (-5:10 p.m.)  
Peter Brown, Member  
Brad Epstein, Chairman  
Patrick Lenoir, Member (Zoom)  
Cara Newell, Treasurer  
Jennifer Waddell, Member (4:58 p.m.)

Also Present: Tricia DeGraff, Executive Director

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Brad Epstein called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

**II. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Budget report-Cara Newell (attachment)

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- Approval of the minutes from the December 7th, 2023 board meeting
- Approval of warrant list (check registry and purchasing card record)
- Approval of the financial report
- Approval of the human resources staffing report and recommendations

Motion: Peter Brown

Second: Lynne Brown

Vote 6-0

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- Finance Committee recommends board approval of \$35,000 security systems improvements by our existing security company, Atronics. This grant is funded entirely by a new, previously unbudgeted grant. (Further details in board folder/attached)

Motion: Finance Committee

Vote: 6-0

- Finance Committee recommends board approval of the expenditures related to a \$240,000 Literacy Enrichment Program grant from DESE in partnership with Turn the Page KC. (Further details in board folder/attached)

Motion: Finance Committee

Vote: 6-0

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Monthly Update-Tricia DeGraff

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS/COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Education Committee Met January 18th, 2024 (in board folder/attached)
- Audit/Finance Committee Met January 18th, 2024 (in board folder/attached)
- Governance Committee did not meet
- Board Retreat, January 11, 2024 (in board folder/attached)

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Cara Newell

Second: Jennifer Waddell

Vote: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Brown  
Secretary

Brad Epsten  
President