

Longleaf School of the Arts
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
322 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh NC
January 6, 2020

5:39pm CALL TO ORDER 5:30pm Per GS143-318.10

- **Roll Call:** Rheji Burrell, Sabrina Francis, Elizabeth Grovenstein, Chuck Hensey, Cheryl Hiser, Larry Williams
- **Absent with Notice:** Stephanie Hawke, Diane Petteway
- **Mission Statement:** Longleaf School of the Arts will develop students into confident, responsible, and successful contributors in college, career, and community through mentorship and a challenging curriculum that integrates academics and the fine arts.

Larry Williams moved to approve the agenda. Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Open enrollment - the Board considered accepting new 11th graders during open enrollment.
 - The Board reviewed items that were considered to inform their decisions not to accept new 11th graders previously.
 - Two items considered previously:
 - Will students have enough credits to meet LSA's graduation requirements on time?
 - Will the new 11th graders be ready for LSA's academic rigor?
 - With Wake County's current graduation requirements, having enough credits might not be as much of a risk as it once was.
 - The Board asked the teachers in attendance to comment on their ideas about accepting new 11th graders.
 - Teachers attending the meeting stated that they are seeing new 10th graders with a lower caliber of academic preparation when compared to 10th graders who entered LSA as 9th graders. New 10th graders are having a difficult time, but are able to catch up. English is a subject where new 10th graders struggle. There is a concern that if new 11th graders are accepted there might not be enough time for the new 11th graders to catch up and be successful. Even though new students are meeting the NC standards, they may not have the LSA foundation content to be successful at LSA.

- Mrs. Williams stated that she would like to ensure that the appropriate systems are in place to support new students before accepting new 11th graders. This will affect the budget.
- The Board asked Mrs. Williams to create a plan adding support systems for new students. After that plan is in place and factored into future budgets, then the Board will reconsider accepting 11th graders.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

6:38pm ADJOURNMENT

Larry Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: January 27th 2020, 5:30pm Longleaf School of the Arts