

Longleaf School of the Arts
 Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes
 322 Chapanoke Road Raleigh NC
 March 27, 2023

5:30pm CALL TO ORDER Per G.S. 143-318.10

- **Roll Call:** Cheryl Hiser, Sharon Muha, Elizabeth Grovenstein, Sabrina Francis, Dorinda Peacock,
- **Absent with Notice:** Adam White, Caitlin Cary
- **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.
- **Agenda Approval:** Sabrina Francis moves to approve the agenda. Drinda Peacock seconds. The motion is approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A consent agenda is used to approve routine items by voting on all items at one time, instead of voting on individual motions. Prior to approving the consent agenda, the Board will review the consent agenda and any items requiring discussion will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the standing agenda.

Consent Agenda Item	Description	Action
Meeting Minutes	Approve meeting minutes from 2//27/2023 LSA BoD meeting Approve meeting minutes from 2/3/2023 LSA BoD special meeting	

Sabrina Francis moves to approve the consent agenda. Dorinda Peacock seconds. The motion is approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Enrollment Update
 - Mrs. Babb presented the enrollment update. There are currently a total of 383 students enrolled.
 - 112 - 9th Grade
 - 102 - 10th Grade
 - 105 - 11th Grade
 - 64 - 12th Grade
 - 2 Students moved out of state this month
- Recruitment/Lottery Acceptances for 2023-24
 - Mrs. Babb presented
 - Acceptances
 - 90 families accepted seats to date.
 - First wave deadline to accept seats is Thursday

- There is an Open house on Tuesday
- Offers will go out to the waitlist on Friday
- The second round of waitlist applications will open on April 14
- New Family Day is April 29.
- Final count of lottery applications was 246
- Registrations Completed
 - 27 Freshmen
 - 2 Sophomores
 - 1 Junior
- Registrations in progress:
 - 49 Freshmen
 - 8 Sophomores
 - 4 Juniors
- 8 people declined seats
 - 2 Juniors
 - 6 Freshmen
- Students who are accepted from the waitlist have a deadline to register. There are a total of 148 freshmen seats. There are 49 Freshmen on the waitlist right now
- Retention
 - The first two weeks of May all students and parents will be able to schedule a face to face meeting with counselors for 2023-2024 class scheduling.
 - The retention committee will meet this week to define upcoming retention events.
- Elizabeth thanked everyone for their effort. This is a lot of work.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Membership
 - Adam White is no longer able to continue serving on the board due to family and work commitments.
 - Cheryl Hiser moves to accept Adam White's resignation.
 - Sabrina Francis seconds
 - The motion is approved.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- During the month of March we have celebrated our School Social Worker, Mrs. Victoria Jones. Mrs. Jones is new to our staff this year and has become a vital part of our school community. Students use Google Chat to quickly communicate with her whenever needs arise. Thus far, she has always been there. So, thank you Mrs. Jones for all of your support and dedication to Longleaf!

- This morning, Mrs. Winters - Dean of Students and 12th Grade Counselor, Mrs. Morice - 12th grade Advisor, and a few parents of our 11th grade students celebrated our seniors during the annual senior breakfast.
- Instrumental Music and Vocal Music had their spring concert. The room was filled with families who enjoyed the concert. An LSA Alum Sam Keil returned to play with the group. Both departments did an excellent job!
- International Thespian Society State Festival (Friday, 3/10 - Sunday, 3/12)
 - Critics Choice (recognized on stage at the closing ceremony): Alex Glass
 - Superior Rating/Score - AND advancing to the NATIONALS competition this summer!
 - Kaleb Bell - Musical Theatre Solo - "She Used to be Mine" from *Waitress*
 - Ridley Clayton - Playwriting - for her original play "Overdue" (*actors who participated in the staged reading include: Olivia Ackerman, EC Anderson, Aydan Eatchel, Alex Glass, Molly Huffman, Ginger Peterson, Clark Phoenix, & Berkeley Rasmussen*)
 - Alex Glass - Scenic Design for "Nellie" (one of our NCTC competition plays)
 - Jay Jordan - Musical Theatre Solo - "Good Kid" from *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*
 - Jay Jordan & Hannah Micah Matias - Musical Theatre Duet - "Seventeen" from *Heathers: The Musical*
 - Ginger Peterson & Clark Phoenix - Duo Scene from William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
 - Juliana Robertson - Musical Theatre Solo - "Back to Before" from *Ragtime*
 - Not advancing, but represented our school well! Excellent Rating!
 - Aydan Eatchel - Musical Theatre Solo - "Out There" from Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
 - Hannah Micah Matias - Musical Theatre Solo - "When He Sees Me" from *Waitress*
 - Berkeley Rasmussen - Musical Theatre Solo - "Run Away With Me" from *The Mad Ones*
- Congratulations Mrs. Franklin!
 - Congratulations to our very own Artist, Mrs. Grace Franklin, on being commissioned to display her artwork at Taste restaurant in downtown Raleigh!
- Student Highlight

- Teddie Collins, LSA Visual Arts Student represented Longleaf during a student showcase at the NC Museum of Art.
- NYC Trip
 - We have 45 students who will be going to NYC - March 31st through April 4th.
- Over 60 students are signed up to attend Chowan University's event

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Boddie: Two members emailed asking if LSA is going to follow the actions to pay additional for advanced degrees. Mrs. Grovenstein stated that we would take that under advisement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance: Cheryl Hiser
 - 66.7% through the school year. This reflects last month's budget amendment. The revenue is tracking at or above the budget.
 - Expenses are at or below the budget except for technology and staff development.
 - We are running a surplus currently. 231K YTD.
 - Budget Amendment 4
 - This is to correct balances for our Fund 7 line. (Arts boosters, annual fund, etc.) This is an in and an out. It is not part of our operating budget.
 - Adjusts revenue to increase sales tax refunds.
 - Adjusts expenses to reduce the amount we are pulling from our fund balance. (This is due to staff changes. Two staff members left and we are reallocating those line items to substitute line item).
 - Amends the bonus pay line.
 - Increases psychological services from 5K to 10K
 - Creates an LSA alumni account and rolls previous individual (graduated) class funds into this fund to be able to do an alumni event in the future.
 - Elizabeth Grovenstein moves to approve with the revision that Cheryl amends the header to reflect the amendment number.
 - Sharon Muha seconds.
 - The motion is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Boddie: Asked that the board takes into consideration a possible Bonus if we continue to run at a surplus. On behalf of the teachers, we appreciate everything that the Board does for the students and staff. Cheryl Hiser mentioned that we do not intend to run at a surplus.

6:17pm

CLOSED SESSION

Elizabeth Grovenstein moves pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) the Board will move into closed session to discuss legal matters. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

7:26pm OPEN SESSION

Elizabeth Grovenstein moves to resume open session. Sabrina Francis seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Elizabeth Grovenstein announces there is nothing to report out from the closed session.

7:27pm ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Hiser moves to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Grovenstein seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Next Board Meeting Date: April 24, 2023, 5:30pm Longleaf School of the Arts

NOTE: Times are approximate. Meeting will be conducted in person and via ZOOM. Members of the public may attend via ZOOM. ZOOM link to be provided by the Longleaf School staff.