

Longleaf School of the Arts  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
322 Chapanoke Road Raleigh NC  
March 28, 2022

5:34pm CALL TO ORDER Per G.S.143-318.10

- **Roll Call:** Cheryl Hiser, Chuck Hensey, Elizabeth Grovenstein, Sabrina Francis, Dorinda Peacock
  
- **Absent with Notice:** Larry Williams
  
- **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. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. 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 |
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| Meeting Minutes     | Approve meeting minutes from 02/28/2022 LSA BoD meeting |        |

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Enrollment Update
  - Mrs. Babb presented the enrollment numbers.
  - 359 students are currently enrolled
    - Two students left in February. One student went to private school and the other student withdrew due to medical reasons. One student was in the tenth grade. The other student was in the twelfth grade.
  - Current enrollment
    - Ninth Grade: 102
    - Tenth Grade: 119
    - Eleventh Grade: 73
    - Twelfth Grade: 65
  
- Recruitment/Lottery Acceptances for 2022-23

- 55 registrations are in progress
- 31 registrations are completed
- Seven families declined a position.
  - Ninth Grade: 3 families
  - Tenth Grade: 4 families
- Families have until March 31 to accept the offer by completing registrations.
- April 1, the waitlist offer letters will go out.
- Tours were offered to all families who were offered seats
  - First tour: 60 people attended
  - Second tour (held today): 10 people attended
  - Third tour: 92 people have registered to attend
- Leadership team is discussing ideas for summer retention. Please send ideas to Mrs. Williams

#### HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

- Nurse Herbst provided the COVID update.
  - COVID numbers are down. We are back to pre-January numbers.
  - There were two positive cases in the month of March.
  - We are following the new mask policy where masks are optional.
  - Most students are still wearing masks.
  - We are following the new Strong Schools Toolkit quarantine guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
  - With the new variant, Nurse Herbst is wondering if the number of COVID cases will go up in April.
- Mrs Williams provided the Head of School Report.
  - 11th graders took the ACT at the beginning of March
  - The International Thespian troupe participated in the international festival
    - LSA Senior, Jordan Ingersoll, was recognized with a Critics Choice Award (the highest award for the Festival) for their work/presentation on Production Design!
    - LSA Sophomore, Kaleb Bell, participated in the "Disney's Newsies" dance workshop and auditioned on the spot for Broadway Teaching Artist/Dance Captain Jack Sippel. As a result, Kaleb has received an invitation and scholarship offer to attend/participate in this summer's Musical Theatre intensive program with Open Jar Institute in New York City!
    - LSA Sophomores Hannah Micah Matias and EC Anderson's competition performance of Some Things are Meant to Be from the musical "Little Women" and Kaleb Bell's competition performance of Beautiful City from the musical "Godspell" received Excellence ratings and garnered recognition from fellow Festival participants!
  - This past weekend, the first musical was held in the Blackbox Theatre. Daddy Longlegs was the show. Congratulations to the two students who performed

(Emily Hartsoe and Clark Phoenix), Mrs. Smith, Director of Theater and Dr. Hooper, Director of Choral Music.

- The lottery was held in March.
- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be administered to Juniors and Seniors. This test will help with career exploration. The students will take an exam to help determine what careers might be good for them.
- Charter Renewal: There is nothing new for Charter Renewal. DPI will meet via Zoom on May 12.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Board Membership
  - Sabrina Francis and Elizabeth Grovenstein interviewed two candidates for board members, Sharon Muha and Adam White.
  - Sharon is a parent and was an LSA community leader.
  - Adam is an attorney and worked with the school in the past.
  - Elizabeth Grovenstein moves to accept the recommendation of the nomination committee to approve Sharon and Adam's nomination to the Board of Directors. Chuck Hensey seconds the motion. The motion is approved
  - Larry Williams would like to step down from the Board of Directors. Sabrina Francis thanked Larry for all he did leading the Facilities committee as the Black Box Theater was under construction. Sabrina Francis moves to accept Larry Williams' resignation. Cheryl Hiser seconds the motion. The motion is approved.
- LSA mask/face coverings
  - Cheryl Hiser moves to keep masks optional. Elizabeth Grovenstein seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Myra Solomon celebrated the success of the theater performance.
- Sabrina Francis echoed the success of the theater performance and encouraged the Board to walk through the Gallery as they leave the meeting to see some of the other wonderful artwork on display.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance: Cheryl Hiser
  - We are 67% of the way through the school year. The budget is tracking as it should.
  - We are currently showing a surplus for the year. If we continue tracking in this manner, we may see a surplus for the end of the year.
  - The Finance committee will start to work on the 2022/2023 budget next week.
  - The Board will have a special meeting in May to present the budget.
  - The special meeting will most likely be May 9. The normal board meeting is on May 23. We will vote on the budget on May 23.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No comments

6:07pm ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Board Meeting Date: April 25, 2022, 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.