

**Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes (Pending)
March 17, 2025, 5:30 pm
844 S 200 E, Salt Lake City
Room 201**

Board Members in Attendance: Diana Cabrales, Sarah Colonna, Kelly Goff, Greg Ostrander, Jennie Stacey, Shantel Stoff, Kimberly Venable, Nick Vienneau

Board Members Excused: John Bakken, Cat Palmer, Amy Redford, Abby Rizk, Amy Yuda

Staff in Attendance: Katy Andrews, Deborah Candler, Jen Guillory, Nicole Laird, Dan Rose, Kathleen Smith

Others in Attendance: Sarah Sandberg (presenting school-wide survey results), Lisa McBride (parent)

1. Welcome and Introductions (Greg Ostrander)

5:30 p.m.

Table minutes till later in meeting - Kelly
Seconded - Jennie

Starting with Sarah Sandberg

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2025 (All)

5:35

Deborah is Deborah, not Deb

Motion: To approve the Minutes of February 24, 2025, with correction to Deborah's name

Kelly Goff Moved

Shantel Stoff Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

3. School Wide Survey Results Presentation (Sarah Sandberg)

5:40

Third time we've done this survey - 2018, 2023, now 2025

No current affiliation with SLArts, but her three children were students early in our existence

Good response rates from faculty/staff and parents

Today is “Big Picture” of results, not a data dump nor finding solutions; positive and negative things

Focus groups for parents and faculty

This is one moment in time - a snapshot

Theme: Board / Administration

written/email communication works

what does the board do?

admin is communicative and responsive

numeric data is positive but written is mixed

Theme: Teachers

Amazing

Wnt more mentoring, training, support

New faculty have different perspectives

Theme: Curriculum

Good job in arts

Disconnect between faculty/parents on Sped

BIG Issue: Parents want more rigor, teachers are frustrated trying to offer it

Theme: School in general

LOVE LOVE LOVE from parents!

Theme: Chaos in the Classroom

BIG problem

-bullying

-discipline

numeric data not great but written comments and focus groups are very negative

Theme: Advisory and Rise

Huge improvement in counseling

Faculty and parents dislike advisory

Parents conflate Advisory, RISE, Fridays

Theme: Parent Community

Do not feel particularly connected to SLArts

Theme: Student Led Conferences (not in survey but came up in open-ended questions)
not popular, parents and faculty

Theme: Additional Issues brought up open-ended

Fridays - throw away

Teacher happiness - seem less so

Bathrooms - issues

Scheduling - weak

Facilities - more cleaning

PE/Rec - bad situation

Grades - want letter grade system for rigor? some faculty want to bring back 5s

4. Fee Schedule for 25-26, Vote Expected (Nicole Laird)

6:40

Still some fee issues in flux with State Legislature; USBE has extended deadline to July 1
but we would like the schedule in place in time for Registration next month

Nicole can do an immediate refund if needed

Motion: To approve the 2025-26 fee schedule, as presented

Kelly Goff Moved

Nick Vienneau Seconded

Motion passed unanimously

5. Principal's Report (Deborah Candler)

6:45

a. Capital projects survey update

Outdoor space

lunch seating

flooring (classrooms, hallways)

technology

bathrooms - highest priority

Goal in next year - upgrade outdoor field area / outdoor classroom (Troy Cook
presenting next month)

Greg would like board members to work on the outdoor space project

Katy - This is board's opportunity to decide what they want to do / how to support
/ engage new fundraising person

Bathroom upgrades - working on it

b. Hiring update

We just hired a great new drama teacher!

We interviewed for Katy's position and hired Whitney Childers

Katy says she will be a good fit 😊

Jeff is now relocating out of state and 7th-grade math is open

6. Land Trust Plan for 25/26 School Year (Deborah Candler)

6:55

Vote Expected

Motion: To approve the Land Trust Plan for 25/26, as presented

Shantel Stoff Moved

Kelly Goff Seconded

Motion passed unanimously =

Roll Call = board members in attendance:

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7. Admissions and Fundraising updates (Katy Andrews)

7:05

Admissions/enrollment is on track for 2026

Met our annual campaign goal

SLArts 24 is approaching - every dollar matched up to \$25,000!

Whitney is coming in this week to sign; Katy is prepping an enormous info doc to share

8. Discuss Governing Board Nominations (Greg Ostrander)

7:10

Folks who have passion and desire to give back to school and skill sets

Esp parents with multiple students

Focus on Financial knowledge frequently

But will talk to people who are interested

Also people from the outside community with different skills are welcome to apply - the arts, construction, fundraising, etc.

At least 12, prefer more (highest # has been 19)

Jennie and Abby can renew if they would like

9. Finance Report (Nicole Laird)

7:15

Reviewed - see handout
More security grant money

10. Requests to Speak*

11. Adjournment

Nick Vienneau motioned to adjourn
Shantel Stoff seconded
Unanimous approval

***Requests to Speak** Persons requesting to speak to the Governing Board in an open meeting need to sign up prior to the start of the open session of the board meeting, by emailing Greg Ostrander at greg.ostrander@slarts.org. Resolution of questions or responses to proposals should not be expected at this meeting; staff or others may be asked to research and/or prepare materials and solutions for a later time. Up to fifteen minutes in total will be scheduled for persons requesting to speak. Three minutes will be allotted for individual requests and five minutes will be allotted for group requests. If we receive more requests than the allotted time permits, those requests may be scheduled for the next board meeting. Your concerns may be submitted in writing to the principal's office for distribution to the Governing Board at any time.