

Syracuse Arts Academy

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

May 7, 2026

Location: AW Services, 290 N. Flint Street, Kaysville, UT 84037

Time: 10:00 AM

In Attendance: Mary Johnston, Neil Garner, Art Hansen, Nate Schow, Rene Dreiling

Others In Attendance: Kellie Mudrow, Nate Steed, Heidi Bauerle, Angie Young, Brad Taylor



MINUTES

INTRODUCTORY

- Welcome & Roll Call
 - Board Vision
 - School Mission

Mary Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Nate Schow and Kellie Mudrow shared the board vision and school mission statements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 2026-2027 School Fee Schedule and Proposed Amended Fee Waiver Policy
This was the second comment opportunity for the public on the 2026-2027 School Fee Schedule and amended fee waiver policy. There were no public comments.

REPORTS

- Finance Reports
 - Financial Update

- PTIF Balance

March 2026 financials were reviewed, with the school currently 75% through the fiscal year. Overall revenues are tracking at 73.5% of budget and expenditures at 72.2%, with federal revenues expected to increase as additional reimbursements are submitted. Several expenditure categories are trending higher than budgeted due to the opening of the South campus, curriculum purchases, property-related expenses, and timing of prior year expenditures, all of which are anticipated to be addressed during the upcoming budget amendment process. The school continues to maintain a strong PTIF balance and positive cash position while monitoring ongoing operational and facility-related costs.

- Administration Reports

- State of the School

- Current Enrollment
 - Celebrations
 - Gifted and Talented Report
 - Title IX Report

Faculty recognition awards were presented, including several statewide recognitions for both staff members and Syracuse Arts Academy overall. The Board expressed appreciation for the continued success of the school and the positive accomplishments taking place across all campuses.

Administration reviewed current and projected enrollment numbers, noting continued growth and strong enrollment demand for the upcoming

school year. The Board also reviewed the annual Gifted and Talented and Title IX Athletics reports, highlighting expanded advanced academic opportunities, balanced athletic participation, and continued compliance with state and federal requirements.

CONSENT ITEMS

- March 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - April 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- Neil Garner made a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 and April 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Rene Dreiling seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Mary Johnston, Aye; Neil Garner, Aye; Art Hansen, Aye; Nate Schow, Aye; Rene Dreiling, Aye.*

REPORTS

- Finance Reports
 - Update on School Bonding
- Brad Taylor and David Robertson presented an update on the school bonding process and reviewed the proposed financing structure related to the upcoming bond issuance. Discussion included the refinancing of existing debt, acquisition of the South Campus, planned improvements to the Antelope Campus, and the overall timeline moving forward. The Board discussed projected enrollment growth, expansion planning, and next steps associated with the bond closing process anticipated later this spring.

VOTING ITEMS

- Financing Resolution
 - Purchasing Agreement for South Campus
- Brad Taylor reviewed the proposed financing resolution and purchase agreement for the South Campus. The Board discussed the issuance of up to \$90 million in Charter School Revenue Bonds through the Utah Charter School Finance Authority to refinance existing debt, support campus improvements, and facilitate the acquisition of the South Campus. The Board also reviewed the proposed purchase agreement and discussed the continued growth and long-term expansion plans of Syracuse Arts Academy prior to taking action on both items.

Nate Schow made a motion to approve the Financing Resolution and the Purchasing Agreement for South Campus. Neil Garner seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Mary Johnston, Aye; Neil Garner, Aye; Art Hansen, Aye; Nate Schow, Aye; Rene Dreiling, Aye.

- Eide Bailly Statement of Work Letter
- 2026/2027 School Fee Schedule
- Amended Fee Waiver Policy
- TSSA Plans
- Technology Purchase
- Sex Education Committee Membership

The Board reviewed the annual Eide Bailly statement of work for audit and compliance services for the upcoming fiscal year. Kellie Mudrow also presented the proposed 2026-2027 school fee schedule and amended Fee Waiver Policy, including updates related to recent legislative changes and no-fee course requirements, along with the annual TSSA plans outlining the use of funds to support student achievement and teacher success. There was also an amended TSSA plan for the current year presented. Additional discussion included the proposed technology purchase to support coding and computer science instruction through the use of a robotics device funded with TSSA funds, as well as the annual review and approval of the Sex Education Committee membership requirements and proposed committee members.

- Policies to Review:
 - Attendance and Truancy Policy
 - Donation and/or Fundraising Policy
 - Sex Education Instruction Policy
- Policies to Re-Approve:
 - Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - Wellness Policy
 - Disclosure Policy and Procedures

The Board reviewed the policies currently due for scheduled review, including the Attendance and Truancy Policy, Donation and/or Fundraising Policy, and Sex Education Instruction Policy. The Board also reviewed and re-approved the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Wellness Policy, and Disclosure Policy and Procedures, with no recommended changes at this time.

- Asphalt Maintenance (North & South Campus)
Kellie Mudrow reviewed the recommended asphalt maintenance projects for both the North and South Campuses. Discussion included crack sealing and future sealcoating needs at the North Campus, as well as sealcoating and striping of the South Campus parking lot to help preserve and protect the asphalt surfaces long term.

Neil Garner made a motion to approve the Eide Bailly Statement of Work, 2026/2027 Fee Schedule and amended Fee Waiver Policy; the 2026/2027 TSSA and amended 2025/2026 TSSA Plans as presented, the technology purchase for up to \$52,000; the sex education committee membership as presented; to reapprove the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Wellness Policy, and Disclosure Policy; and to the asphalt maintenance for the North and South Campus locations up to \$45,000. Art Hansen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Mary Johnston, Aye; Neil Garner, Aye; Art Hansen, Aye; Nate Schow, Aye; Rene Dreiling, Aye.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- One West Presentation
Christopher Lewis with One West joined the meeting to present updated building plans for the new Antelope Campus auditorium and arts center project. Discussion focused on the vision for the new facility as a space that will further showcase and support Syracuse Arts Academy's strong mission and emphasis on the arts. The Board provided feedback on the

project plans and expressed excitement regarding the continued development and future impact of the new arts-centered facility.

- Review Balance Scorecard
 - 1-Year Board Priorities
 - 5-Year PlanThe Board reviewed and discussed the Balanced Scorecard and ongoing strategic planning priorities connected to the school's vision plan and prior TOWS analysis. Discussion included reviewing current progress, future planning priorities, and long-term goals for the school. The Board noted that the Balanced Scorecard discussion will continue at the June board meeting as part of the school's ongoing strategic planning process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Calendaring Items
 - Next Preboard Meeting on June 4th
 - Annual Board Meeting on June 18th
 - 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar
 - NCSC26 New Orleans, LA June 24-26 (Wed-Fri)

CLOSED SESSION—to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and/or to discuss deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) & (f).

The board tabled the closed session.

VOTING ITEMS

- Lead Director Agreement, Compensation and Evaluation
Item tabled.

ADJOURN

At 1:41PM Nate Schow made a motion to adjourn. Mary Johnston seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Mary Johnston, Aye; Neil Garner, Aye; Art Hansen, Aye; Nate Schow, Aye; Rene Dreiling, Aye.