

The Chicago High School for the Arts Board of Directors Meeting

May 9, 2022 at 4:00pm

Location: Online, via Zoom

To attend via video conferencing, please reach out to Ursula McGregory (umcgregory@chiarts.org), who will send the appropriate information.

Welcome / Call to Order / Roll Call

Cynthia Plouché

The meeting convenes at 4pm with a closed, executive session. The board will be in closed session until at least 4:30pm when we will immediately move into open session. Please also note that the meeting will be virtual. *Contact Ms. McGregory for the link.*

Closed Session

- 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects: (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Approval of Minutes of March 14th, 2022 Meeting

Cynthia Plouche

Information & Presentations

Interim Principal Report
Artistic Director Report
PSO Report

Lorraine Cruz
Tina Boyer Brown
Janette Cortes-Duewel

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report

Christine Gallagher

Actions/Votes to be Taken by Board

Cynthia Plouché

No votes expected to be taken

Public Comment

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting: June 27, 2022



ChiArts Board Meeting May 9, 2022

The Chicago High School for the Arts
Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Online - via Zoom
Minutes for May 9, 2022

Present (on call): Duffie Adelson, Deirdra Donahue, Lesley-Ann Brown-Henderson, Warren Chapman, Janette Cortes-Duewel, Kay Mabie, Christine Gallagher, John McCambridge, Carol Friedman, Angela Keifer, Bill Gerstein, and Cynthia Plouché

Others Present: Lorraine Cruz (Interim Principal), Tina Boyer Brown (Artistic Director), Abbey Cullen (Assistant Principal), Ursula McGregory (Executive Assistant)

Quorum: Yes

The meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of The Chicago High School for the Arts (“ChiArts”) was held pursuant to a Call & Notice served on all Directors. Board Chair, Cynthia Plouché (“Cynthia”) called the general assembly to order at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Directors went into a closed session at 4:15 pm immediately following roll call and adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Interim Principal Report

Lorrain Cruz (“Lorraine”) shared the Interim Principal report. Clubs have resumed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Assistant Principal is working with the lunchroom staff to ensure food supply is available. ChiArts is continuing to follow Covid-19 protocols amid outbreaks including: supplying KN95 masks, testing every Friday, offering synchronous instruction to quarantine students, and a commitment to hire a full-time substitute teacher. Measures are still in place to combat the spread of Covid-19 including: temperature checks and encouragement of social distancing. In the arts, audience limitations are still in place.

We had great participation in teacher appreciation week. Thank you to all who showed appreciation. There has been much collaboration with all stakeholders including ChiArts staff, parents, and the community. Summer professional development for teachers and staff planning is underway. We currently have the following open positions: LBS1 Counselor, Instructional Coach, and an Evening Administrator.

Information & Presentations

Tina Boyer Brown (“Tina”) shared the Artistic Director report. In March and April, ChiArts Music competed in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble and IHSA Organizational Festival and Competition at multiple offsite performances. Results were tallied from our participation and we have earned 1st Place in Music in Class A in the State of Illinois!

ChiArts Musical Theatre sophomore Alex Weber took third place in this year’s August Wilson Monologue Competition held at the Goodman Theatre. Twenty-two ChiArts Theatre students entered the competition this year. Sixteen went on to the semi-finals and two students, Alex Weber and Jadah Clay, competed in the finals. Special thanks to Theatre faculty coaches: Jess Turner, Kathy Scambiaterra, Risha Hill, and Rachel Slavick.

Round 1 of the audition process is complete. Round 2 auditions and transfer auditions will be held during the summer. Applications will have the option to audition virtually or in person. Chris Lin Dao-Heng was hired as the permanent Department Head. Second round interviews have begun for Theatre Department Head. Theatre faculty, parents, and guardians are invited to attend these interviews and contribute their impressions of each candidate. Productions are in full swing! Curtain Call performances begin this week. Planning for the 2022-23 production calendar has also begun.

Christine Gallagher (“Christine”) presented the Treasurer report. The tax Form 990 is completed and submitted to the IRS. The 403(b) Audit is complete, conducted by the external accounting firm ORBA. The Department of Labor’s open case in the matter of timely remittance of the 403(b) is now closed. There are now controls put in place to ensure timely remittance. The 2023 budget process is also underway

Adjournment

Cynthia requested to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Carol Friedman (“Carol”) made a motion to adjourn, and Kay Mabie (“Kay”) seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Chapman
Secretary