

NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FLAGSTAFF ARTS & LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. (FALA)

AGENDA OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our mission is to provide a transformative educational experience by developing leadership and cultivating academic excellence in the arts, sciences, and humanities. The individual growth of each student is supported and animated through our nurturing educational community.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of FALA will hold the following:

- Event: **Special Board** meeting open to the public
- Date: July 27, 2020
- Time: 5:00pm
- Location: Meeting ID: meet.google.com/tqg-xwqb-voj
Phone Numbers: (US)+1 503-908-2291; PIN: 715 115 661#

Event information:

- The Board/committee may consider any item on this agenda in any order and at any time during the meeting.
- Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.4, members of the Board/committee may participate either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing speakerphone or other technological devices.
- The Board may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).
- Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Ms. Tulasi Fowler, Administrative Coordinator, 928-779-7223.
- Materials for this meeting are available at the following:
 - <http://flagarts.com/category/news/>
 - 3401 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Agenda:

- I. **Call To Order:** [Virtual Meeting Process](#); [Public Participation Protocols](#) James calls the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and reads the VMP and PPP.
- II. **Roll Call:**
 - A. James Yih, President PRESENT
 - B. Birgit Buss, Vice President NOT PRESENT
 - C. Phil Hagen, Secretary PRESENT
 - D. Dr. Barbara Boschmans, Treasurer PRESENT
 - E. Ron Borkan, Member PRESENT
 - F. Debra Edgerton, Member NOT PRESENT
 - G. Dr. Sharon Gorman, Member PRESENT
 - H. Dr. Kyle Winfree, Member NOT PRESENT
- III. **Approval of Agenda** James motions to approve. Phil seconds. James aye. Phil aye. Barbara aye. Ron aye. Sharon aye. No nays. No abstentions. Motion carries.
- IV. **Call to the Public:** Each individual may have five minutes to make a public comment. For the record, please state your full name (first name and last name) before you begin.

"This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date."

 - Parent Sarah Edmonds: At the last board meeting, Mr. Levin [FALA teacher] broached the subject of teaching some courses outdoors, plus she's heard that other outdoor-classroom ideas have been discussed. She'd like to see the Board consider this. Advanced performance classes in particular, which tend to be small in size, making it easy to social distance outside. She'd like to see students get some opportunities to do things that would be difficult to do online. Encourages the board to meet

with teachers who are interested in doing these things. Perhaps also consider amending the in-person start date so special workshop-style classrooms can be developed before October. James asks if she's contacted ED Eli Cohen about this. She says she has in the past but not re this latest idea. James suggests she discuss it with Eli and he can bring it to the board.

- Teacher Mike Levin adds that this idea was brought up at the last curriculum meeting. He said SPED Director Kim Khatibi said it would be difficult due to transportation, but she brought up the idea of doing a regular workshop as a compromise. James asks if he's worked with Eli on this. Mike says Eli was present at that meeting. James hopes those ideas will be part of the presentation below.

V. Action Items

A. Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Meeting Expectations

James presents logistical a few items re the conduct of future Board meetings. It's Birgit's duty as VP to take over the meetings in his absence. As Birgit wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting, for example, he's concerned about who would be next in line. James says Phil would be next but it would be difficult to lead the meeting and do the minutes. Phil agrees. James suggests the board simply goes down the list of members, meaning Barbara would be next in line. Barbara approves of that idea. James also says he will try to keep the Board on track re time for upcoming meetings, even if it means more strictness over length of discussion. And he promises to call for occasional breaks during longer meetings. Phil suggests that it would help meeting lengths and efficiency if teachers comment during the public comment—as per usual at school board meetings—instead of during board discussions of Action Items. James agrees.

B. Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Review of Revisions to 2020-21 Reopening Plan to include the following:

- Begin the 2020-21 school year on August 17, 2020 as Distance Learning only.
- In-Person Learning will return when it is deemed safe based on criteria being developed in conjunction with pending State guidelines.

Eli says this will change current schedule from Aug. 13. FALA has personal development and snow days to play with so that they might be able to end school on the same day in June. This change helps teachers prepare. He then references the governor's press conference last Thursday, saying that the state will be coming up with reopening guidelines but that FALA will continue to develop its own as well. Re what Sarah and Mike brought up during public comment, Eli says workshops would be simpler than actually having an entire class outdoors. There are issues re that, though, and it would require working through liability and legal matters. FALA needs to develop some protocols around any workshop idea. He adds that you can't say let's just do it for this class and consider it for others. Phil asks how long it'll take to figure this out. Eli says it should be ready to further discuss at the Aug. 11 Board meeting on Aug. 11. Ron asks if Eli is considering having a committee review criteria for reopening in-person. Eli says yes. Phil asks about the number of classes FALA will offer, as FHS is doing 3. Eli says they're not changing numbers, just looking at how we will schedule them. In the end they'll have the same number. James asks if anybody would like to see a future agenda item on this last matter. The Board declines.

C. Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Approval of Revisions (as per Item B) to 2020-21 Reopening Plan

James motions to approve the Reopening Plan. Phil seconds. James aye. Phil aye. Barbara aye. Sharon aye. Ron aye. No nays. No abstentions. Motion carries.

D. Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Approval of [May Financials](#)

James motions to approve. Ron seconds. James aye. Phil aye. Barbara aye. Sharon aye. Ron aye. No nays. No abstentions. Motion carries.

E. Presentation, discussion, and possible action re: Approval of [June Financials](#)

Ron asks about the budgeting of the PPP loan. Eli says he did not recognize it as official revenue in June; at this point it's just outstanding debt. Will list it when that debt becomes forgiven. Ron is fine with that explanation.

James motions to approve. Ron seconds. James aye. Phil aye. Barbara aye. Sharon aye. Ron aye. No nays. No abstentions. Motion carries.

VI. Adjournment: James motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Phil seconds. James aye. Phil aye. Barbara aye. Sharon aye. Ron aye. No nays. No abstentions. Motion carries.

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Minutes Posted: 2020-07-29 9:55PM