



The Classical Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

(Open to the Public)

Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:00-7:55 p.m.

Location: TCA North Campus – **Secondary School, 1st Floor, Room 1102**

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens, equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.

Agenda

Presentation Time/Start Time

- I. Call to Order (6:00 pm)** 1 min (6:00) (6:01)
The Board Chair (Mr. Fradette) called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call** 2 min (6:01) (6:01)
Roll Call: (Mr. Brightwell: Here // Mrs. Hawkins: Here // Mr. Heyns: Here // Mrs. Moffat: Here // Mr. Skorich: Here // Mr. Young: Here // Mr. Fradette: Here). A quorum was present.
- III. Approval of Agenda** 2 min (6:03) (6:02)
 - **Motion: Mrs. Hawkins moved to approve the agenda and was seconded.**
 - Discussion: Mr. Fradette shared an adjustment to the agenda under Item XI.C., titled 2025 Board Election Timeline. This item will be discussed during Section XIV.A: Items Removed from Consent Agenda.
 - **Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)**
- IV. Celebrate TCA (Student Recognition: “I Voted” Sticker)** 5 min (6:05) (6:04)
Action: (Harris)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents
 - An 8th grade student from Junior High designed an “I Voted” sticker for the upcoming November 5 election. Her design was selected and will be distributed to the Colorado Springs community with the election ballot. The Board congratulated this student on the wonderful accomplishment!
- V. Recognition of Achievement and Bond Update** 15 min (6:10)(6:06)
Action: (Haberer/Allan/Wilburn)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to recognize TCA’s academic performance and provide information to the Board regarding Ballot question 4B in the November 5th General election
 - Ms. Haberer, ASD 20 Superintendent, recognized TCA for the great accomplishments within the School Performance Framework. TCA Elementary schools, TCA College Pathways, and TCA High School were recognized for this exciting achievement.
 - Ms. Allan, ASD 20 Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, shared information about the bond that will appear on the November 5 ballot.
- VI. Comments from the Audience** (Audience members have 3 minutes to address the Board) 10 min (6:25) (6:21)
(NOTE: Per procedural rules if more than one person is speaking on the same topic we request that one or two specific spokespersons speak on behalf of the group)
 - There are no audience comments.

- VII. Comments from the Board of Directors** 10 min (6:35) (6:22)
- Mr. Heyns shared his appreciation to the district for their collaboration and presentation at tonight's meeting.
 - Mr. Skorich recently met with Ms. Peterson, North Elementary Principal, and enjoyed becoming more familiar with the school.
 - Mr. Young shared the football team's success and their continued victories.
 - Mrs. Moffat recently met with Mr. DiPretore, Junior High Principal, and spoke to the wonderful partnership and collaboration with the school.
- VIII. Legal Update** 10 min (6:45) (6:23)
- Action: (Brad Miller)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to provide Board governance training/best practice information
- Mr. Miller (TCA Attorney) presented to the board a legal update. He also shared about organizations that support charters, including the Colorado League of Charter Schools and the Education Alliance of Colorado.
- IX. Board Development** 10 min (6:55) (6:37)
- Action: (Thomason)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to discuss training topics of interest to the TCA Board (TCA Core Values – history and development)
- Dr. Thomason shared about the history and development of TCA's Core Values. This advancement happened over the course of two years by a committee of founders and community members. These core values continue to be the principles that direct our steps.
- X. Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights** 10 min (7:05) (6:45)
- Action: (Thomason)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance)
- Dr. Thomason highlighted the following items from his report:
- The 8th Grade Mountain Lab trip was full of fun and exploration. Students were able to work in teams, explore skills, such as ax throwing and archery. Many parents were also present at Ponderosa Camp, which serves as a reminder of the wonderful collaboration that happens in our school.
 - Each of our Elementary schools celebrated Grandparents' Day during the month of September. This event is always a highlight and speaks to the honor of having these grandparents and special friends in our buildings; overwhelming positive feedback was received from each event.
 - Our TCA Core Values are embedded into the foundation of our culture. Several inspiring stories were shared to showcase how these values are impacting our community.
- XI. Consent Agenda** 3 min (7:15) (6:56)
- Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:
Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda
- A. Finance (VanGambleare)
 - 1. August Financials
 - 2. FAC Report – FY23/24 Financial Review
 - A. Board Policies (Governance Committee) Final Approval
 - 1. BE-TCA Board Meetings Policy
 - 2. BBAA-TCA Grant of Authority Policy
 - 3. BC-TCA Board Evaluations Policy
 - 4. BBB-TCA Election Policy
 - 5. DIC-TCA Internal Financial Controls Policy
 - B. SAC Minutes
 - 1. Central Elementary, September 23, 2024
 - 2. CSP/CP, September 10, 2024
 - 3. North Elementary, September 25, 2024
 - C. 2025 Board Election Timeline
- **Motion: Mr. Young moved to approve the (modified) consent agenda and was seconded.**
 - Discussion: Item XI.C. 2025 Board Election Timeline will be discussed during Section XIV.A. and is removed from the vote during this Consent Agenda.
 - **Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)**
- XII. Minutes: September 9, 2024; September 30, 2024** 2 min (7:18) (6:57)
- Action: (Altman)
Motion: (Vote) to approve the September 9, 2024 and September 30, 2024 minutes
Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files
- **Motion: Mrs. Moffat moved to approve the minutes and was seconded.**

- Discussion: None.
- **Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)**

- XIII. Break** (5 min) 5 min (7:20) (6:58)
- XIV. Discussion Agenda Items**
- A. Items removed from Consent Agenda** (7:06)
- The voting window for this year's board election is proposed for three weeks. Board members shared their thoughts regarding this timeline, highlighting pros and cons to keeping the election window at three weeks and/or shortening the period to a reduced window. The goal remains encouraging voter participation.
- B. Cabinet Level Reports**
- 1. Annual Operations Report (Safety and Security Program Assessment)** 10 min (7:25) (7:25)
- Action: (Pacht)
- Motion: (Info)
- Rationale: to provide the Board with a yearly review of Operations performance in accordance with TCA's Strategic Plan
- Mr. Pacht shared updates from the Operations Team in this annual report. He highlighted the following areas:
- Our Security Team has a strong collaboration with ASD20. We have five security officers that are assigned to our schools. All security officers rotate positions, becoming an expert with each facility and campus community.
 - Our crossing guards are now using body cameras to further ensure safety for our students and community.
 - Our team collaborates with Colorado Springs city engineers regarding carpool flow and best practices for efficiency and safety.
 - The Raptor System is being used for visitors and as a method to track volunteers.
 - Our air quality filtration program is one of the best in the city.
 - Extra security detail has been added in the evenings when concerts are happening at the nearby amphitheater.
- C. Board Level Reports**
- 1. TCA Board Election Planning (Training for Board Candidates and Newly Elected Directors)** 5 min (7:35) (7:56)
- Action: (Fradette)
- Motion: (Discussion)
- Rational: to discuss training options for Board Candidates and Newly elected Board Directors
- Mrs. Moffat and Mr. Brightwell will organize and plan this event, tentatively scheduled for January 27.
- D. Board Communication** 5 min (7:40) (7:58)
- Action: (Moffat)
- Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community
- Celebrate TCA – "I Voted" sticker
 - Recognition of Achievement; Bond Update
 - Annual Operations Report
- E. Future Board Agenda Items** 5 min (7:45) (7:59)
1. Quarterly Financial Summary, Info, VanGambleare, Nov
 2. Internal Financial Control Report, Info, VanGambleare, Nov
 3. Quarterly FAC Report/Audit Review, Info, VanGambleare, Nov
 4. Budget Projection, Info, VanGambleare, Nov
 5. Annual State Accreditation/Assessment/Achievement Report, Info, Jolly, Nov
 6. Annual Accreditation Status, Info, Jolly, Nov
 7. Annual Year Financial Review (Previous FY), Info, VanGambleare, Nov
 8. President Bi-Annual Board Feedback, Executive Session, Fradette, Nov – item moved to December
 9. ASD20 Monitoring Report Summary, Info, Thomason, Nov
 10. FAC – Review of Annual Financial Audit Report, Nov, VanGambleare
- F. Comments from the Board of Directors** 5 min (7:50) (7:30)
- Mr. Heyns shared that he will be out of town for the November Board meeting.
- Mr. Young shared his observations of how the core values run through everything, including the sports field.
- Mr. Brightwell shared appreciation and kudos to Mr. Pacht and his operations team for their hard work at TCA.

XV. Adjournment (Approx. 7:55 p.m.)

(7:55) (8:02)

Motion: Mr. Young moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.

Discussion: None.

Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)

Laura Moffat

TCA Board Secretary