



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, 6:00 - 8:15 P.M.

LOCATION: NORTH ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

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

	Allocated Time/Start Time
I. Call to Order (6:00 P.M.) The Board Chair (Mr. Fradette) called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.	1 min (6:00) (6:00)
II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call Roll Call: (Mr. Brightwell: Here // Mrs. Hawkins: Here // Mr. Heyns: Here (via phone) // Mrs. Moffat: Here // Mr. Skorich: Here // Mr. Young: Here // Mr. Fradette: Here). A quorum was present.	2 min (6:01) (6:02)
III. Approval of Agenda Motion: Mr. Young moved to approve the agenda and was seconded. Discussion: None. <u>Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion.</u> (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)	2 min (6:03) (6:02)
IV. Announce Candidates for Board of Directors Election Action: (Fradette) Motion: (Vote) to approve not holding an election this year in accordance with TCA's Election Policy and Bylaws, as only two candidates applied for the two open Board seats. As a result, the Board will appoint incumbents Mrs. Kelli Hawkins and Mr. Riaan Heyns to standard three-year terms. Both incumbents are eligible for election and currently serve on TCA's Board of Directors. Rationale: to announce the candidates for the 2025 TCA Board Election and determine whether an election or appointment is warranted Motion: Mrs. Moffat moved to approve the motion and was seconded. Discussion: None. <u>Vote: By a roll call of 7-0 the Board approved the motion.</u> (Mr. Brightwell: Yea; Mrs. Hawkins: Yea; Mr. Heyns: Yea; Mrs. Moffat: Yea; Mr. Skorich: Yea; Mr. Young: Yea; Mr. Fradette: Yea)	5 min (6:05) (6:03)
V. Celebrate TCA (Ronald McDonald House Philanthropy Project) Action: (Harris) Motion: (Info) Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs. Harris introduced TCA's annual philanthropy project, highlighting this year's focus on the Ronald McDonald House.A North Elementary third-grade teacher shared a personal story about how the Ronald McDonald House supported her family and three high school students discussed their involvement, including collecting pop tabs, participating in "Cash for Casual for a Cause," and organizing an "Adopt a Senior" event.	5 min (6:10) (6:04)
VI. Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 3 minutes to address the Board) (NOTE: Per procedural practice, if more than one person is speaking on the same topic we request that one or two representatives share on behalf of the group.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sofia Voicu emphasized the importance of pursuing Truth, Beauty, and Goodness through literature to foster critical thinking and informed citizenship.	10 min (6:15) (6:14)

- Anna Reed highlighted the significance of upholding the First Amendment and avoiding viewpoint-based censorship to maintain academic freedom.
- Ashlee Springer expressed gratitude for TCA's dedication to respectful dialogue and affirmed her trust and support for the administration and staff.
- Joella DeGroff emphasized that books help students form independent opinions and develop empathy, contributing to a more compassionate community.
- Tim Hannan praised TCA's collaborative community, encouraging the school to maintain its commitment to a classical education model.
- Madison Brennan advocated for intellectual freedom, emphasizing the importance of access to diverse ideas as a fundamental right.

VII. Comments from the Board of Directors 10 min (6:25) (6:31)

- Mr. Fradette praised the impactful guest speaker, Mike Donahue, from the recent junior high and high school events.
- Mr. Young acknowledged the dedication of teachers and administrators in our extracurriculars. He also highlighted TCA's supportive community and open dialogue.
- Mr. Heyns (via phone) thanked students for fostering a thriving environment, expressing gratitude for the administration and staff of TCA to create a community where students can thrive.
- Mrs. Hawkins expressed gratitude for the supportive community, recognizing its role in teaching students to engage in meaningful dialogue and sharing her honor in serving the school. She also shared her gratitude for being able to serve the community for the next three years in her role as a Board director.
- Mr. Brightwell expressed admiration for the passionate student speakers and appreciation for being part of an invested school community.
- Mrs. Moffat thanked fellow board members for their dedication and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to partner with parents as board secretary.

VIII. Legal Update 10 min (6:35) (6:40)

Action: (Miller)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to provide Board governance training/best practices information

- Mr. Miller, TCA's attorney, provided the board with a legal update, highlighting information from the state legislature.

IX. Board Development (Virtuous Character) 10 min (6:45) (6:49)

Action: (Jolly, Hinds)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: Mr. Jolly and Mr. Hinds will share about TCA's efforts to develop a community of people striving towards virtuous character

- Mr. Hinds discussed the role of education in developing virtuous character by encouraging thoughtful decision-making and critical thinking through methods like the Socratic approach, emphasizing that character is shaped beyond academic measures like GPA.

X. Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights 10 min (6:55) (6:58)

Action: (Thomason)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance)

Dr. Thomason highlighted the following items from his report:

- The upcoming TCA Job Fair is on March 1.
- On Friday, February 14, the staff will get a chance to hear from Dr. Montás, an inspiring author and speaker.
- Details were shared regarding the recent water damage and plans for repair. As a result, TCA is temporarily pausing typical library operations to allow our staff to attend to the business and needs of the school.
- Mr. Jolly acknowledged the strain on librarian staff and the challenge of meeting everyone's expectations. He explained the approach to reviewing books, including the parent permission list. During the library circulation pause, the library material policies will be clarified. We will continue to partner with parents by adding a dedicated shelf for parent-permission books when the library reopens.

XI. Consent Agenda 3 min (7:05) (7:20)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

A. Finance (VanGampleare)

1. December Financials
2. Quarterly Financial Report

B. SAC Minutes

1. East Elementary, SAC Minutes, February 3, 2025

Motion: Mr. Brightwell moved to approve the consent agenda 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)

- XII. Minutes: January 13, 2025** 2 min (7:08) (7:21)
- Action: (Altman)
- Motion: (Vote) to approve the January 13, 2025 minutes
- Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files
- Motion: Mrs. Moffat moved to approve the consent agenda 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)**
- Break 10 min (7:10) (7:22)
- XIII. Discussion Agenda Items**
- A. Items removed from Consent Agenda**
- B. Cabinet Level Reports**
1. **Bond Authorization Documents** 5 min (7:20) (7:32)
- Action: (VanGampleare)
- Motion: (Vote) to authorize TCA's Board Chair to sign D20 Bond Documents
- Rationale: to approve the Chair signing bond documents on behalf of the Board
- Mr. VanGampleare, Chief Financial Officer, shared several documents related to the partnership with Academy School District 20 and the recent bond initiative that needed signatures.
- Motion: Mr. Heyns moved to approve this request.**
- 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)**
2. **Facility Master Plan (Maintenance, Improvements, Future Capital Projects)** 15 min (7:25) (7:39)
- Action: (Pacht)
- Motion: (Information)
- Rationale: to review the operations Master Plan and associated Deferred Maintenance Plan
- Mr. Pacht, Director of Operations, presented the Facility Master Plan, outlining regular maintenance, improvements, and future capital projects. He also shared that Nunn Construction would be facilitating the project at the East Campus, noting Nunn's prior experience with similar TCA projects.
3. **Curriculum Review/Text Review (Elementary)** 10 min (7:40) (7:47)
- Action: (Jolly, Velez)
- Motion: (1st Read)
- Rationale: to review elementary curriculum/textbook changes
- Mrs. Velez, Elementary Dean of Philosophy, provided an update on the curriculum review for specials (music, art, library, and PE), with a focus on materials and supplies. No curriculum changes were proposed, but an emphasis was placed on ensuring resources align with educational goals to support students as thinkers.
- C. Board Level Reports**
1. **Board Budget** 10 min (7:50) (7:53)
- Action: (Young)
- Motion: (1st Read)
- Rationale: to review and approve the Board Budget for the 2025-26 School year
- Mr. Young shared the board budget and highlighted adjustments based on data from prior years.
- D. Board Communication** 5 min (8:00) (8:01)
- Action: (Moffat)
- Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community
- Board Election
 - Celebrate TCA
 - Library Update
 - Capital Construction
- E. Future Board Agenda Items** 5 min (8:05) (8:03)
1. Quarterly FAC Report, Info, Fradette, Young, Mar
2. Board Budget, Vote, Young, Mar

3. Revenue Projection/Student Count Estimate Next FY, Info, VanGampleare, Mar
 4. Internal Financial Control Report. Info, VanGampleare, Mar
 - ~~5. Curriculum Review/Text Review (Elementary), Vote, Jolly, Mar~~
 6. Curriculum Review/Text Review (Secondary), 1st Read, Jolly, Mar
 7. Board Candidates Meet the Board and Community, Disc, Fradette, Mar
 8. Approve Next Year's Board Meeting Schedule, 1st Read, Fradette, Mar
 9. Governance Committee Update, Fradette, Mar
 - Policy Review
 - Board Member Access to Information
 10. Review Board Evaluation Questions, Disc, Fradette, Mar
 11. April Working Session Topics, Discussion, Fradette, Mar
 12. CLCS Updates
- F. Comments from the Board of Directors** 5 min (8:10) (8:06)
- Mr. Brightwell thanked Mr. Heyns and Mrs. Hawkins for continuing their work with the board for their next term.
 - Mrs. Hawkins thanked the administration for all their hard work.
 - Mr. Young congratulated Mrs. Hawkins and Mr. Heyns on their new terms, thanked the administration for their dedication, and expressed pride in the students and community.

XIV. Adjournment Approx. (8:15 P.M.) (8:15) (8:09)

Motion: Mrs. Moffat 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
Board Secretary