



**Utopian Academy for the Arts**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

**Document Preparation Information**

Prepared by Dr. Artesius Miller, Recording Secretary
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**Meeting Information**

<b>Date</b> March 23, 2023	<b>Start Time</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Teleconference Details</b> (646) 558-8656, Access Code 5157735608
<b>Meeting Objectives:</b> Board Meeting		
<b>Called by:</b> Joshua Menifee, Board Chair	<b>Email Address</b> <a href="mailto:joshua.menifee@utopianacademy.com">joshua.menifee@utopianacademy.com</a>	<b>Phone</b> 470-446-1070 office

**Meeting Attendees**

<p>Joshua Menifee, Chair Reginald Colbert, Vice Chair Steven Garner, CFO Terance Madden, Member Stephany Walls, Member Gavin McGuire, Member Dr. Artesius Miller, Founder and CEO Dale Smith, Network CFO Pamela Dingle, Executive Director Ebonne Craft, Director of Arts Education Gregory Leaphart, Network Operations Elisha Byers, Director of Strategic Partnership Dr. Selina Walton, Elementary School Principal Dr. Johanna Strong, Middle School Principal Dr. Bryan Reese, High School Principal Dr. Marcus Broadhead, Director of New School Design &amp; Development Judy Richmond, Executive Assistant to Founder and CEO</p>
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**Agenda**

Call To Order	Call to Order: 6:05 pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve agenda by Steven Garner Second: Stephany Walls	Vote: 4-0 <i>*Vote does not include Terance Madden and Gavin McGuire</i>
Approval of Minutes- February 16, 2023	Motion to accept minutes by Steven Garner Second: Stephany Walls	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Gavin McGuire</i>
Public Participation	There were no participants that spoke during public participation.	Vote: 5-0



Academic Report-UAFA Elementary	Motion to accept the academic report presented to the Academic Committee by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	<i>*Vote does not include Gavin McGuire</i>  Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Gavin McGuire</i>
Academic Report-UAFA Middle	Motion to accept the academic report presented to the Academic Committee by Stephany Walls Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 6-0
Academic Report-UAFA High	Motion to accept the academic report presented to the Academic Committee by Stephany Walls Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 6-0
Financial Report	Motion to accept the February 2023 Financial Report presented to the Finance Committee by Steven Garner Second: Joshua Meniffee	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Terance Madden</i>
Executive Director's Report	Executive Director's report was presented by Ms. Pamela Dingle Motion to accept Executive Director's report by Stephany Walls Second: Gavin McGuire	
<b>Action Agenda</b>		
GEER II Grant Agreement	Motion to accept the subaward agreement from the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia and the Georgia Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative. by Joshua Meniffee Second: Steven Garner	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Terance Madden</i>
SCSC Petition-Ratification	Motion to authorize the submission of our SCSC petition to be submitted in accordance with the SCSC start-up petition deadline presented by Joshua Meniffee Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Terance Madden</i>
Trilith Lease Agreement	Motion to authorize Dr. Miller to execute the 3-year lease agreement with Georgia Military College for Utopian Trilith by Joshua Meniffee Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Terance Madden</i>
Executive Session	No matters to discuss in Executive Session	No action taken.
Recommendations from Executive Session	No actions from executive session.	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Steven Garner Second: Stephany Walls Time: 7:39 pm <i>*Next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on April 27, 2023.</i>	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Terance Madden</i>
<i>This meeting was held virtually due to continuing emergency conditions involving public safety due to COVID in accordance with OCGA 50-14-1(g)</i>		