



Utopian Academy for the Arts
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Prepared by

Dr. Artesius Miller, Recording Secretary

Meeting Information

Date	Start Time	Teleconference Details
April 27, 2023	6:00 PM	(646) 558-8656, Access Code 5157735608
Meeting Objectives: Board Meeting		
Called by:	Email Address	Phone
Joshua Menifee, Board Chair	joshua.menifee@utopianacademy.com	470-446-1070 office

Meeting Attendees

Joshua Menifee, Chair
 Reginald Colbert, Vice Chair
 Steven Garner, CFO
 Stephany Walls, Member
 Gavin McGuire, Member
 Christopher Copeland, Member
 Dr. Artesius Miller, Founder and CEO
 Pamela Dingle, Executive Director
 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 & Development
 Ebonne Craft, Director of Arts Education
 Gregory Leaphart, Network Operations
 Elisha Byers, Director of Strategic Initiatives
 Judy Richmond, Executive Assistant to Founder and CEO

Call To Order	Called to Order: 6:13 pm by Chairman Meniffee	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve agenda by Gavin McGuire Second: Stephany Walls	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Christopher Copeland</i>
Approval of Minutes- March 23, 2023	Motion to accept minutes by Reginald Colbert Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Christopher Copeland</i>
Public Participation	There were no participants that spoke during public participation.	

Academic Report-UAFA Elementary	Motion to accept the academic report presented to the Academic Committee by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Christopher Copeland</i>
Academic Report-UAFA Middle	Motion to accept the academic report presented to the Academic Committee by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 6-0
Academic Report-UAFA High	Motion to accept the academic report presented to the Academic Committee by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 6-0
Financial Report	Motion to accept the March 2023 Financial Report presented to the Finance Committee by Steven Garner Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 6-0
Executive Director's Report	The Executive Director's report was presented by Ms. Pamela Dingle. Motion to accept Executive Director's report by Joshua Meniffee Second: Steven Garner	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert</i>
Action Agenda GEER II Grant Agreement	Motion to accept the \$50,000 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 Reginald Colbert</i>
	Motion to accept the \$200,000 subaward agreement from the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia and the Georgia Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative by Joshua Meniffee Second: Stephany Walls	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert</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 Christopher Copeland Second: Stephany Walls Time: 7:37 pm <i>*Next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on May 25, 2023.</i>	Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert</i>
This meeting was held virtually due to continuing emergency conditions involving public safety due to COVID in accordance with DCGA 50-14-1(g)		