



**UTOPIAN**  
ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS  
CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK

Mission Statement: Through a structured and supportive environment, Utopian Academy for the Arts will develop students' artistic and academic gifts to enter and to succeed in high school and eventually enroll in a college, university, or specialty school of their choice.

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**Utopian Academy for the Arts  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 28, 2023**

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**Document Preparation Information**

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

**Meeting Information**

Date	Start Time	Teleconference Details
September 28, 2023	6:00 pm	(646) 558-8656, Access Code 5157735608

**Meeting Objectives:**  
Board Meeting

Called by:	Email Address	Phone
Joshua Menifee, Board Chair	<a href="mailto:joshua.menifee@utopianacademy.com">joshua.menifee@utopianacademy.com</a>	(470) 446-1070 Office

**Attendees**

Joshua Menifee, Chair  
Reginald Colbert Vice-Chair  
Steven Garner, Governance Board CFO  
Stephany Walls, Member  
Gavin McGuire, Member  
Dr. Artesius Miller, Founder and CEO  
Pamela Dingle, Executive Director  
Dale Smith, Network CFO  
Dr. Selina Walton, Elementary School Principal  
Dr. Johanna Strong, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Kyle Kenan, High School Principal  
Dr. Marcus Broadhead, Network, Director of New School Design and Development  
Elisha Byers, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Judy Richmond, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Founder

## Agenda

Call To Order	Call to Order: 6:05 pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Steven Garner Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
Approval of Board Minutes August 24, 2023 (Board Meeting)	Motion to accept minutes as read by Steven Garner Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
Public Participation	There was no public participation at this meeting	
<u>Recommendations from Committee Meetings</u>		
Academic Committee	Motion to accept the Elementary School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
	Motion to accept the Ellenwood Middle School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
	Motion to accept the Trilith Middle School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
	Motion to accept from the High School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Reginald Colbert	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
Finance and Fundraising Committee	Motion to accept recommendations and from Finance and Fundraising Committee by Steven Garner Second Joshua Meniffee	Vote: 5-0 Unanimous
Executive Committee	Motion to accept the recommendation from executive committee, approving the resolution to transition Utopian Academy for the Arts from state authorization to local charter authorization by Joshua Meniffee Second: Steven Garner	Vote: 4-0 <i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert</i>
<u>Report Agenda</u> Executive Director's Report	Motion to accept Report by Executive Director by Stephany Walls Second: Steven Garner	Vote: 4-0 <i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert</i>
		Vote: 4-0

<u>Action Items</u> FY24 Governance Board Membership Slate	Motion to accept the addition of Dr. Aquanette Salter to FY23/24 Governance Board by Joshua Menifee Second: Stephany Walls	<i>*Vote does not include  Reginald Colbert</i>
Executive Session		
Recommendations from Executive Session		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Gavin McGuire Second: Stephany Walls Time: 7:31 pm *Next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on October 26, 2023	Vote: 4-0 <i>*Vote does not include  Reginald Colbert</i>