



# 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, February 27, 2025

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### Document Preparation Information

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

### Meeting Information

Date	Start Time	Teleconference Details
February 27, 2025	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

Mr. Joshua Menifee, Governance Board Chair  
Mr. Reginald Colbert, Governance Board Vice-Chair  
Mr. Steven Garner, Governance Board CFO  
Mr. Gavin McGuire, Member  
Mr. Chris Copeland, Member  
Mrs. Stephany Walls, Member  
Dr. Artesius Miller, Founder and CEO  
Mr. Dale Smith, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Pamela Dingle, Executive Director  
Mrs. Elisha Byers, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Selina Walton, Principal Utopian Elementary  
Mr. Travis Joshua, Principal, Utopian Ellenwood-Middle

### Agenda

Call To Order	Call to Order: 6:02 pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda, with amendment to move the fundraising and finance committee before the academic committee by Joshua Menifee	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>

Approval of Board Minutes December 19, 2024 (Board Meeting)	Second: Steven Garner  Motion to accept minutes as read by Steven Garner Second: Stephany Walls	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
Public Participation	There was no public participation at this meeting	
<u>Recommendations from Committee Meetings</u>		
Fundraising and Finance Committee	Motion to accept the Finance and Fundraising Committee Report by Steven Garner Second: Joshua Meniffee	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
Academic Committee	Motion to accept the Elementary School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
	Motion to accept the Ellenwood Middle School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
	Motion to accept the Trilith Middle School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
	Motion to accept the High School academic report by Stephany Walls Second: Joshua Meniffee	Vote: 6-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
Executive Director's Updates	Motion to accept the Executive Director's updates by Joshua Meniffee Second: Stephany Walls	Vote: 4-0 <i>Unanimous</i> <i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert &amp; Steven Garner</i>
Executive Session	There were no matters to discuss in Executive Session	
Recommendations from Executive Session		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Gavin McGuire Second: Stephany Walls Time: 7:17 pm	Vote: 4-0 <i>Unanimous</i>

	*Next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on March 20, 2025	<i>*Vote does not include Reginald Colbert &amp; Steven Garner</i>
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