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**Utopian Academy for the Arts  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 12, 2026**

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**Document Preparation Information**

**Prepared by:**

Jasmine Hart, Recording Secretary

**Meeting Information**

**Date:**

March 12, 2026

**Start Time:**

6:00 pm

**Teleconference Details:**

(646) 558-8656, Access Code 82241821532

**Meeting Objectives:**

Monthly Board Meeting

**Called by:**

Joshua Menifee, Board Chair

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**Attendees**

Mr. Joshua Menifee, Governance Board Chair  
Mr. Reginald Colbert, Governance Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Steven Garner, Governance Board CFO  
Dr. Aquanette Salter, Board Member  
Mrs. Stephany Walls, Board Member  
Mr. Gavin McGuire, Board Member

Mr. Dale Smith, CFO  
Ms. Pamela Dingle, Executive Director  
Mrs. Elisha Byers, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Selina Walton, Elementary School Principal  
Mr. Travis Joshua, Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Benita Edwards, Business Coordinator  
Mrs. Ebonne Craft, Director of Arts

**Agenda**

Call To Order	Call to Order: 6:07 pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda by Reginald Colbert Second: Gavin McGuire	Vote: 5-0 <i>Unanimous</i>
Approval of Board Minutes February 26, 2026 (Board Meeting)	Motion to accept minutes as read by Reginald Colbert Second: Steven Garner	Vote: 5-0 <i>Unanimous</i>

Public Participation	There was no public participation at this meeting	
<u>Action Items</u> CSP SE Subgrant Agreement	<p><b>Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith</b> has been awarded a CSP State Entity subgrant award (FAIN S282A250014) of <b>\$1,250,000</b> by the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) to support the <b>(opening and preparation for the operation of a new / opening and preparation for the operation of a replicated high-quality / expansion of a high-quality)</b> charter school in Georgia. Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith’s governing board accepts this federal subgrant with the conditions and requirements set forth in the CSP Subgrant Agreement with the SCSC.</p> <p>Motion to approve resolution to accept the subaward agreement by Joshua Meniffee Second Steven Garner</p>	<p>Vote: 5-0 <i>Unanimous</i></p>
Utopian Trilith FY 2025 General Fund DE 46 Response	<p>Mr. Smith provided an overview of financial report to be submitted to the GaDOE. Motion to approve deficit elimination plan, as presented by Steven Garner Second Reginald Colbert</p>	<p>Vote: 5-0 <i>Unanimous</i></p>
<u>Recommendations from Committee Meetings</u>		
Academic Committee	<p>Academic Committee Members Ms. Walls &amp; Dr. Salter shared the highlights for each school with the board.</p> <p>No Motions taken.</p>	
Financial and Fundraising Committee	<p>Steven Garner presented the current financials and highlights.</p> <p>No Motions taken.</p>	
Executive Director’s Report	Ms. Dingle presented and reviewed the report.	
Executive Session	There were no matters to discuss in Executive Session	

Recommendations from Executive Session		
Announcements Adjournment	The next Governance Board Meeting will be on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00pm.  Meeting adjourned by Joshua Meniffee Time: 7:48 pm	