

# UtahARTS Academy

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8 August 2022 | 5PM | 1091 N. Bluff St. George | Zoom

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, \*Jennifer Fouche, (\*Virtual Attendance)

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Victoria Wilson (medical leave), Josh Little

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Drew Williams (ED UAA), Kent Brown (CFO/HR Director of UAA), Kyle Lewis (AD UAA), Chris Andrus (Dir. of Support Services UAA), Nate Keith (Dean of Students UAA), Shannon Greer ( Charter Board Mentor/Trainer) Sarah McNaughton (UAA Counselor),

**Approval of 20 June 2022 Minutes:**

- Motion to approve minutes Aubrey Johnson, second Jennifer Fouche. June 20th minutes approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE

**Approval of 18 July 2022 Minutes:**

- Motion to approve minutes Nelson Hafen, second Sadie Best. June 18th minutes approved unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE

**No Student Performance- New Building Tour After Meeting**

**Public Comment:**

- Sign up for public comment made available before the meeting. No public comment.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Directors Report/Construction Report:** Drew Williams (ED UAA) congratulated everyone on making it this far. He reported to the board that all inspections passed for phase II of the building except plumbing set to be completed by Friday, Aug 12th. All other construction deadlines are on track to be completed in October. All plans for a successful back to school night are in place. Dr. Williams expressed thanks to Victoria Wilson for



contributions allowing the higher of full-time production manager. A production manager will aid in making sure that all lights, and sound in the new space are up and running for the benefit of students. Dr. Williams expressed confidence in Cameron Stymeist, newly highered music production teacher.

- **Budget/Finance report:** Kent Brown (CFO/HR Director of UAA) talked the board through the YTD financial with some brief discussion about our financial history to bring newly seated board members up to speed. Rick Schofield requested a meeting with Brown to go over past/present financials.
- **Artistic Report-Matilda/Blast/YoungArts:** Kyle Lewis (AD UAA) Lewis expressed excitement about the new black box space briefly explaining its versatility to the board. Students started rehearsals for the Shakespeare Festival submissions.
- **Student Activity Report-** Nate Keith (UAA Dean of Students) reported on enrollment numbers. August enrollment was high, showing that continued push for visibility and interest is working. The student council held regular meetings to plan the first day of school activities. The rolling billboard on Sunset Corner will allow for advertising for all school events.
- **Student Services Report-** Chris Andrus (UAA Dir. of Support Services) reported on technology in the completed portion of the building. All technology necessary for learning is active, and cameras have been installed. Student safety during the completion of construction was questioned. The portion of the building still in progress will be accessed by a separate entrance and exit.
- **Board Training Plan-2022/2023 School Year-** Nelson Hafen (Interim Board Chair) Nelson introduced the board to “Board Wiser”. Shannon Greer ( Charter Board Mentor/Trainer) explained that the most important thing is to have a consistent training plan in place. Greer explained ways that the state can help with board training.
- **Board Committees Discussion-** Nelson Hafen (Interim Board Chair) The board discussed committee assignments and expectations and assignments were made. Board members assigned to committees are responsible for reporting to the board regarding committee organization and progress.

Finance Committee- Nelson Hafen, Josh Little

Artistic Committee- Bryan Watabe, Jennifer Fouche

Education Committee- Aubrey Johnson

School Community Committee- Sadie Best,

Foundation Committee- Rick Schofield, Greg Grajek

Fundraising discussion ensued, what is the vision for fundraising where does the money get used. The board and administration team talked about the need to pay teachers a living wage in an ever changing southern Utah economic environment.

- **Introduction of Greg Grajek:** Greg introduced himself professionally and personally to the board. He has extensive volunteer board/commission experience.
- **Eighth Grand Expansion Update:** Drew Williams (ED UAA) The application was refused due to unmet educational goals. Dr. Williams explained the need for the 8th grade expansion for the benefit of new board members. The next step is an appeal allowing the application to be sent forward for a vote. That will take place at the next state charter school board meeting.

#### **Action/Ratification Items:**

- **LEA-Specific Licenses:** Kent Brown (CFO/HR Director of UAA) Brown presented two teachers to the board who need approval of LEA-specific licenses approved. Board members asked questions concerning the need for the LEA-specific licenses, and Brown answered.  
Sadie Best motioned the board to approve LEA-specific license for Sarah Lemmo, Jennifer Fouche Second, the motion passed unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE  
Sadie Best motioned the board to approve LEA-specific license for Cameron Stymeist, Greg Grajek Second, the motion passed unanimously. In favor: Nelson Hafen, Aubrey Johnson, Sadie Best, Bryan Watabe, Greg Grajek, Rick Schofield, Jennifer Fouche - Opposed: NONE

#### **Date set for Board/Faculstaff Social October 11, 2002**

- **Next Meeting:** 10 October 2022 | 5PM | 1091 N. Bluff St. George

#### **Adjournment:**

- **Motion to Adjourn:** Aubrey Johnson, Rick Schofield second, meeting adjourned.