



ACADEMY OF MEDIA ARTS
(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Board Meeting
MINUTES

May 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm- 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Cross Campus, 840 Apollo Way, El Segundo, CA 90245 in Conference Room 2B.
Public members are welcome to attend and provide comments. Conference call at 712 770-4010/ Pin 272340

OPEN SESSION

- 1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm
2. Roll Call - Present: Lysa Liggins, John White, Jessica Hutcheson, Afeez Tijani: Absent: Chelsea Staebell
3. Comments on Agenda Items:
4. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

COMMENTS ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda including non-agenda items will be granted three minutes to make a presentation before the board begins its deliberations or takes action on the item.

Academy of Media Arts (AMA) new principal Dr. Armine Movsisyan attended AMA board meeting and briefly discussed her passion for preparing scholars for their future. Dr. Armine Movsisyan and Mr. Hammond were preparing to attend the NewSchools Venture leadership summit located in San Francisco. Dr. Armine provided the board with a draft of her praxis binder that demonstrated her expertise with Project Based Learning curriculum design.. John White ask about her experience of working with LAUSD schools. Dr. Movsisyan discussed her experience working with charter schools who were authorized by LACOE. Jessica Hutcheson ask what type of challenges did she foresee working with scholars who are challenged academically. Dr. Armine shared her own personal experience of being an immigrant and English being her second language. Dr. Armine expressed she understands that cultural drives learning and creativity is essential to connecting with scholars to ensure they excel academically.

- 5. Action Items
a. Approval of March 19, 2019 minutes
b. Motion by Lysa Liggins
Second by Afeez Tijani
Final Vote: Unanimous

Table with 5 columns: Board Members, Aye, Nay, Abstain, Absent

Jessica Hutcheson				
Lysa Liggins	X			
Chelsea Staebell	X			
Afeez Tijani	X			
John White	X			

6. Review of Comparable Compensation Data for Charter Heads of School/School Directors/CEOs: John White provided an overview of he and Afeez Tijani discussion with Young Minney & Corp regarding the comparable compensation data for charter heads of school/school directors/CEO.
7. Review Conflict of Interest opinion provided by Young Minney & Corr: The board reviewed and discussed the conflict of interest opinion provided by Young Minney & Corr. The conflict of interest provided clarification about the new conflict of interest laws and the relationship between nonprofit entities. The conflict of interest opinion provided clarification about Choice Group’s ability to charge Academy of Media Arts for its curriculum.
8. **Approval of Administrative/ Governance items: Approval AMA Revised Bylaws and Facility lease agreement**
Motion by John White
Second by: Lysa Liggins
Final Vote: Unanimously

Board Members	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jessica Hutcheson	X			
Lysa Liggins	X			
Chelsea Staebell				X
Afeez Tijani	X			
John White	X			

9. CEO Report:

Dana Hammond discussed his excited to be completing the final session of the Newschool Venture fellowship. He and Dr. Armine Movsisyan were traveling to San Francisco to complete their final sessions at the NewSchool Venture Summit. Dana Hammond provided updates on the success of AMA capital campaign. Dana Hammond expressed his excitement about the many schools he has attended that has inspired his vision for Academy of Media Arts. The most successful schools ensured that their facility was aligned to their academic model of the school. Dana Hammond communicated to the board that Choice Group Inc would donate its curriculum to Academy of Media Arts for the 5-year term of the charter. Dana also expressed that he is resigning as Choice Group Executive Director and will serve in a volunteer capacity. Dana Hammond expressed that he would like to continue to build his relationship with its authorizer and community stakeholders to ensure resources are benefiting scholars. Dana Hammond explained the new conflict of interest laws and the guidance AMA is receiving from Young Minney & Corp to ensure we are compliant.

10. **Closed Session:** Academy of Media Arts board of directors conducted a close session to review the Chief Executive Officer Employment agreement.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Motion by: Afeez

Second by John White

Final Vote: Unanimous