



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2026

Board Members present: Angela Bailey, Anna Eger, Marilyn Highland, Tameka Howard, Michaela Macdonald, Angel Shideler

Board Members present via Zoom: Ashley Czak, Wade McVay, Susan Wilhelm

Board Members absent: Steven Kamm, Terry McGannon, Matt Wenzel

Guests present: Tara Tahmosh, Kylie Gannon, Tanya Jones

Guests present via Zoom: Sarah Hubbard, Marisa Gourley

- I. Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Highland.
- II. Meeting Minutes April 8, 2026 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Ms. Eger made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes, Ms. Macdonald 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board unanimously approved.
- III. President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland
  - a) Board Governance Training – 2 Hour Refresher Course – Ms. Macdonald and Mr. Wenzel are due for the 2 hour refresher course.
  - b) Nominating Committee – Nothing to report
  - c) Nomination and Election of Board Officers – Dr. Highland announced that the annual nomination and election of Board Officers will be held next month.
- IV. Principal's Report – Ms. Tahmosh
  - a) Enrollment – Ms. Tahmosh updated the Board on our enrollment numbers for the 26/27 school year. We received 190 applications from August 1 – December 1. 193 more applications were received after the lottery drawing in December. We are up to #72 on the waitlist list.
  - b) Home Resource Update (Drawings & Dreams) – Ms. Tahmosh provided the Board with a concept plan provided by Element for 741 Central. The property will need new plumbing, new electrical, and new windows to bring to code. After some internal renovation and a possible add on, the space could house the theater classes, technology and shop classes, as well as dance and/or music.
  - c) SRO Contract – Ms. Tahmosh discussed the SRO Contract with SCS's Police Department. She highlighted concerns and will update the Board once SCS has addressed our concerns.
  - d) Transportation Contract – The Transportation Contract was presented to the Board. Ms. Macdonald made a motion to accept the contract as presented, Ms. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board unanimously approved.

- e) Accountability Report – The annual Accountability Report was presented by Ms. Tahmosh.
  
- V. Staff Report – Ms. Howard presented a slide show of activities on and off campus including Mothers Day projects in Spanish, Soccer and Tennis matches. Ms. Torrisi was named Athletic Director of the Year.
  
- VI. Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report –
  - a) HR Updates – Staffing Update – Ms. Gannon reported that one of our candidates rescinded our offer and we were able to hire John Stewart for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science.
  
- VII. PTSS Report – Ms. Czak reported that the PTSS provided lunch for teacher appreciation week and each faculty and staff member received a \$25 Amazon gift card. The PTSS provided pizza for the Geography Bee, paid for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to go see Animal Farm at the movies, and held an honor roll social at the arcade for students who made all As all year. The leadership team added co-chairs to most positions to help ease the transition for incoming members. The PTSS will start the year with approximately \$45,000 in their account.
  
- VIII. Treasurer’s Report –
  - a) Financial Statement – April 30, 2026 – Ms. Tahmosh presented the April Financial Statement to the Board.
  - b) Northern Trust – Ms. Tahmosh provided the Board with an information packet from Northern Trust along with CD rates from 5/1/26. This will be discussed at the June meeting.
  
- IX. Old Business – Nothing to report.
  
- X. New Business –
  - a) Florida School Assessment – Principal Evaluation – Dr. Highland led the discussion for Ms. Tahmosh’ annual Principal Evaluation. After a brief discussion, Ms. Eger made a motion rate Ms. Tahmosh as Highly Effective in all 8 Standards, Ms. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.
  - b) 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates – Next year’s Board Meeting dates were presented and will be voted on at the June meeting.
  - c) FYE June 30, 2026 Audit Engagement Letter Approval – Dr. Highland presented the engagement letter from Miller & Miller for the annual audit. Ms. Bailey made a motion to accept Miller & Miller to complete the annual audit, Ms. Shideler 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board unanimously approved.
  
- XI. Open to the Public – None
  
- XII. Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on June 10, 2026 at SSAS.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm  
 Secretary

Date

Approved by:

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President of the Board

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Date