



Sarasota School of Arts & Sciences  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2025

Board Members present: Tameka Howard, Marilyn Highland, Marilyn Marquez,

Board Members present via Zoom: Angela Bailey, Steve Kamm, Terry McGannon, Wade McVay, Michaela Macdonald, Angel Shideler, Susan Wilhelm

Board members absent: Ashley Czak, Matt Wenzel,

Guests present: Kevin Corwin

Guests present via Zoom: Tara Tahmosh, Kevin Corwin, Kylie Gannon, Tanya Jones, Vanessa Pinon, Marisa Gourley, Brian Hubbard, Sarah Hubbard, Liz Shannon

- I Welcome - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Highland.
- II Meeting Minutes September 10, 2025 – Board members reviewed the meeting minutes presented. Mr. McGannon made a motion to accept the September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes, Ms. Macdonald 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board unanimously approved.
- III President of the Board Report – Dr. Highland
  - a) Nominating Committee – Nothing to report.
  - b) Board Governance Training 2 Hr. Refresher Course – Dr. Highland reminded members to complete their required governance training.
- IV Principal’s Report – Ms. Tahmosh
  - a) Enrollment – Ms. Pinon stated that we are currently have 742 students enrolled. We added three new students this week. We are providing 96 students with ESE services, 3 students with Hospital Homebound services, and we have 116 Gifted students. Ms. Pinon has received 356 applications for the 26-27 school year with a month and a half still left before the application window closes. SSA+S is considering holding an open house versus fall tours.
  - b) Niche.com Ratings – Ms. Tahmosh presented the ratings from Niche. SSA+S is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Pine View.
  - c) School of Excellence - SSA+S was named a School of Excellence for the 24/25 school year. Only 3 middle schools in Sarasota received that designation – Sarasota Middle School and Student Leadership Academy where the other two schools.
  - d) Grants – Staff have applied for over \$17,000 in grants, most of which have been approved.
- V Staff Report –Ms. Howard presented a PowerPoint loaded with fun things going on around campus.
- VI Parent Involvement Representative (PIR) Report – Ms. Gannon
  - a) HR Updates – Staffing Updates – Nothing to report.

b) LEP Committee – ESOL Night – Ms. Gannon presented a powerpoint highlighting the ESOL Program at SSA+S. Ms. Gannon ensures compliance and works with each student. Ms. Pinon processes all paperwork. We currently have 12 students receiving services. There will be an upcoming ESOL open house from 8:30-12:30 for families to come in and meet with Ms. Gannon to answer any questions or concerns that parents may have. Ms. Tahmosh added that Ms. Arcadia and Ms. Pinon translate everything that is sent out to families in Spanish, and Mr. Kondratyuk translates to Russian.

c) PTSS Report – Ms. Tahmosh reported that the PTSS was preparing for the UnFundraiser. Parents are able to donate via an online site or a check. The PTSS is focusing on getting Business Partners this year. The PTSS is working on a healthy soda option for the concession stand for home games in the gym.

VII Treasurer’s Report – Mr. McGannon & Mr. Corwin

- a) Financial Statement – August 31, 2025 – Ms. McGannon presented the Financial Statement for August 31, 2025. He stated that our numbers are stable and strong.
- b) Audit Update – The annual audit reported noted no findings or corrections. Mr. Corwin also stated that there will be no amended budget for the October meeting.

VIII Old Business – Dr. Highland

- a) Treasurer Nomination – Dr. Highland nominated Mr. McGannon to remain as Treasurer. Mr. McGannon accepted the nomination and stated that it would be his last year. Ms. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.

IX New Business – Dr. Highland

- a) Ms. Marquez submitted her letter of resignation from the Board. Mr. McGannon made a motion to accept the resignation as presented, Ms. Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board approved unanimously.

X Open to the Public – None

XI Adjourn Meeting – Dr. Highland adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm. The next Board Meeting will be held on November 12, 2025 in person.

Submitted by:

Tanya Jones on behalf of Susan Wilhelm

Secretary

Date

Approved by:

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President of the Board

Date