

**The School of Arts & Enterprise – Meeting of the Governing Board Minutes**  
November 18, 2025

Attendees:

NAME	PRESENT
Mark Skvarna	Ab
Joshua Swodeck	X
George Charney, D.O	X
Jeffrey Seymour	Ab
Martha Rivera	X
Dr. Denise Davis-Cotton	Ab
<b>Guests</b>	
Paul Treesuwan	X
Robert Shields	X
Dennis Nguyen	X
Roger Scott	X
Richard Vasquez	Ab

<b>I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, Approve Virtual Meeting, &amp; Agenda Approval</b>	Joshua Swodeck called the meeting to order. -Action Item B removed from agenda.	11:06 AM
<b>II. Public Comment</b>	No Public Comment	11:07 AM
<b>III. Closed Session</b>	A. Conference with Labor Negotiators: Agency designated representatives: Paul Treesuwan, Interim Co-Director; Jessica Silva, Executive Assistant, Roger Scott, Legal Counsel; Dennis Nguyen, Consultant; Richard Vazquez, Consultant. Employee Organization: School of Arts and Enterprise Teachers Association, CTA/NEA B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One (1) case.	11:08 AM
<b>IV. Open Session</b>	A. No action taken	11:44 AM

V. Consent Agenda	<div>A. Minutes: October 14, 2025</div> <div>B. Approve Check Registers: September 2025</div> <div>C. Approve Balance Sheet Detail: September 2025</div> <div>D. Approve P&amp;L: September 2025</div> <div>E. Approve Restricted Funds: September 2025</div> <div>F. Approve Cash Flow Report: September 2025</div> <div>Motion: George Charney</div> <div>Second: Joshua Swodeck</div> <table><tr><th>Member</th><th>Aye</th><th>Nay</th><th>Abstain</th></tr><tr><td>Skvarna</td><td>Ab</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Swodeck</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Charney</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Seymour</td><td>Ab</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Rivera</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Davis-Cotton</td><td>Ab</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Skvarna	Ab			Swodeck	X			Charney	X			Seymour	Ab			Rivera	X			Davis-Cotton	Ab			11:44 AM
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VII. Discussion Items	<p>A. Financial Board Report</p> <p>- The report compares current figures to the original budget approved in June, which was based on 660 students and an ADA of about 610. A budget revision will be presented next month showing slight decreases, though not significant overall. Through September, revenues total \$829,870—about \$1 million below budget. LCFF revenue is short by approximately \$1.1 million due to lower-than-expected ADA and timing of state updates. Federal, state, and local revenues are also under budget. Although revenues appear low early in the year, they are expected to stabilize as funding distributions progress. Year-to-date expenses exceed budget by \$321,000, with overspending in personnel, supplies, and equipment. The recommendation is for the school to closely monitor and reduce discretionary spending. Total expenses are \$3,202,698, resulting in a deficit position of \$2,372,828. Cash flow is tight at the beginning of the year due to state funding schedules. The school expects about \$1M later from mitigation funds, though this amount is not yet included in the budget. Without those funds, liquidity ratios fall below required levels. Overall, no major budget changes are anticipated for the remainder of the school year, but continued budget reductions are necessary.</p> <p>B. Enrollment and Recruitment Update</p> <p>-Opened 26-27 Enrollment Recruitment Season. 3 SAE Days scheduled for the next semester. Current enrollment hovering around 630 students. Continuing to participate in consistent community events. High presence in the local community and hopeful that it’s going to pay out dividends. More detailed report for the board at next meeting.</p> <p>-G.Charney: Inquired if SAE collaborates with PUSD to transfer students.</p> <p>-P.Treesuwan: SAE met with Superintendent, Darren Knowles, to certify our good standing. We haven’t worked with them at an exchange level but counselors do refer The SAE when we are a better fit. The relationship with SAE and PUSD is excellent and nurtured, though they have not yet approved us to recruit at their sites. PUSD, like many districts in California are struggling with enrollment.</p>	11:53 AM																												
VII. Adjournment	- Joshua Swodeck adjourned the meeting	12:13 PM																												