



## Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Higher Institute of Arts and Technology (HIAT)  
5885 Harrison Street Merrillville, IN 46410  
Thursday, April 13, 2023 4:00 (CT)

### I. Meeting Called To Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 4:00 PM.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Roll Call

#### Board Member Attendance

April Brown	Present
Bridgette Harris	Present
Sharla Johnson	Present
Stephanie Davis	Present
Charles Reese	Present
George Tucker	Present

A moment of silence was held for the victims of the Nashville shooting.

a. Approval of Board Agenda

b. Approval of Board Minutes from February 23, 2023 and March 30, 2023

Motion: Charles Reese      Support: George Tucker

Yays: 6      Nays: 0

The board unanimously voted to approve the agenda and minutes.

### IV. CMO Report

a. Principal and Academic Support Update

Jessica Acklin presented the principal's report and provided an update on enrollment, attendance, staffing, upcoming ILEARN testing dates, IREAD testing results, and Summer Advantage.

**ACTION ITEM:** Melissa Morris to connect with board member, Bridgette Harris to begin discussions on expanding into 9<sup>th</sup> grade.



b. Financial Review Report

The financial report was presented by Carlo Hershberger.

A financial review of the income statement, cash balances, accounts payable balances, and days cash was provided.

c. Marketing & Enrollment Update

Ashley Minter, PLA National Director of Marketing & Communications, provided an update on marketing support. Javi Dimas, VP of Enrollment, presented an update on enrollment and recruitment efforts.

**ACTION ITEM:** April Brown would like to connect with the marketing team so she can be more informed.

**V. Committee Reports**

The finance committee is working to raise funding to improve the auditorium and sound system where graduations, assemblies, etc. will be held.

**VI. Old Business**

a. Approval of New Custodial Vendor

Motion: George Tucker      Support: Stephanie Davis

Yays: 5      Nays: 1

The majority of the board voted to approve the new custodial vendor, NDP Cleaning.

**VII. New Business**

a. Approval of 2023-2024 Board Calendar

Motion: Charles Reese      Support: Stephanie Davis

Yays: 6      Nays: 0

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2023-2024 board meeting calendar.

b. Approval of Curriculum Purchases

Motion: Charles Reese      Support: Stephanie Davis

Yays: 6      Nays: 0

The board unanimously voted to approve the curricula purchase; Eureka Math \$14,734 and Wit & Wisdom (ELA) \$12,377.

**VIII. PTA**

None

**IX. Open Communication/Comments from the Public**

Board President, Sharla Johnson, along with Directors Charles Reese and Stephanie Davis, met at Fifth Third Bank to complete the business of removing D. Robinson and adding Director Davis to the bank account.



**X. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Charles Reese      Support: George Tucker

Yays: 6      Nays: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.