



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Ken McNeill, Jim McLeod, Arsheel Hirji, Anna Murphy, Jon Yee, Joshua Dalledonne, Doug Frenette, John McWilliams, Jordan Pinkster, Michael Mauro Alberta Education

**Administration:** Cole Jordan, Michelle Stonehouse, Cheralyn Doell

**With Regrets:** Mallory Graham, Neil Tichkowsky

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

- Alberta Ed Evaluation Presentation - Michael Mauro – Michael presented on the results of the charter school evaluation for Calgary Arts Academy. Michelle will provide more information on a plan for our student records management.
- 2. This Day in History – Jim
- 3. Call to order – 6:47
- 4. Approval of the Agenda – Considered Approved
- 5. Approval of the February 11, 2025 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes - Considered Approved
- 6. Audit Committee – Ken – Met this week to discuss the current finances. There are a few points to bring forward. We are reviewing our disability benefits, and are looking to join with RBC moving forward. The Charter schools collectively have started an RFP process for our Insurance Brokers. There was a change to the funding manual with the Weighted Moving Average changing from 3 years to 2 years. Our funding will now be based of 70% of our projections for next year and 30% of our current enrolment. The April meeting we should have a rough budget to discuss some of the ideas for next year, with full budget approval at the May meeting We are also recommending we move forward with a new Auditor after securing 3 new quotes for this year.

**Motion 1** – Ken - to recommend MNP to be appointed as Auditor for the 2024 2025 school year at a Special General Meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025, - John Seconded – Motion Passed

7. Superintendent Report – Michelle – The first item is approving new locally developed courses.

**Motion 2** – Doug - Motion: The following Locally Developed Courses be approved for use at Calgary Arts Academy August 21, 2025, until August 31, 2028:

- Competencies in Math 15 LDC 1515 (3 and 5 credits)
- Learning Strategies 15 LDC 1599 (3 and 5 credits)
- Learning Strategies 25 LDC 2599 (3 and 5 credits)
- Learning Strategies 35 LDC 3599 (3 and 5 credits)
- Yoga 15 LDC 1449 (3 and 5 credits),
- Yoga 25 LDC 2449 (3 and 5 credits),
- Yoga 35 LDC 3449 (3 and 5 credits) Passed:

Seconded Jon - Motion Passed

We met with Pauline and Glen from Alberta Education and they are looking forward to working with us on the capital plan. They have requested that we done submit a fully developed proposal as they want to work with us on it.

8. Advocacy – Arsheel –Our functional program is almost complete, many thanks to Michelle for providing input into this. No Test fitting is underway yet. GGA was hired to focus on the function program. They have had lots of experience with Charters. Further update from Arsheel was given on the progress of everything else.

**Motion 3** – Arsheel - to spend up to \$100,000 to execute on contracts with, Larkspur Consulting, GGA, and Elis Don Construction as well as legal council as needed. Jim Seconded – Motion Passes.

All vendors have been single sourced. GGA has be brought on as they are working with stampede already, Larkspur has been selected due to previous work with us and experience in the field, Elis don is the preferred advisory construction company for stampede as well.

9. Capital Planning Committee – Jim – Arsh – See Above
10. Governance Committee – John – We need to discuss/develop a new policy regarding Bill 29.
11. Growth Committee - Mallory – No further update.
12. Arts Engagement – Joshua - Mayors Celebration for the arts is April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Jack Singer. We should get as much attendance as possible, Josh will provide briefing notes for those who go. Arts Reimagined Conference will be at the end of May.

**Motion 4** – Anna - we approve to purchase of tickets for the board to the Mayors Celebration for the Arts Thursday April 24th. – Josh Seconded - Motion Passes

13. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Vertigo April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> this year we have our High school showcase “Leaving Iowa”. There will be art installations as well as live music in the gallery. This is our VIP opportunity for this event. For next meeting we are doing Board Head Shots for the website.
14. Meeting Adjournment – 8:05

**INFORMATION ITEMS - \*\* Upcoming School Events:**

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – April 15, 2025