



**Calgary Arts Academy Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Ken McNeill, Doug Frenette, Jordan Pinkster, Arsheel Hirji, Jon Yee, John McWilliams, Anna Murphy, Joshua Dalledonne, Rob Roach, Jenelle Wohlberg

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

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Jim's - This Day in History -
2. Call to order – 6:10
3. Approval of the Agenda –

**Motion 1** - Arsheel – To approve the agenda as presented. - Jon Seconded – Motion Passed

4. Approval of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes- Arsheel, Jon

**Motion 2** – Arsheel – To Approve the September 16, 2025 Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors Minutes as presented – Seconded Jon – Motion Passed

5. New Board Members – Rob Roach and Jenelle Wohlberg – Each discussed why each of them want to be a part of the board. We are excited to have always felt charter,

**Motion 3** – Jon – To go in camera – Josh seconded – Motion Passed

**Motion 4** - Jon – To come out of camera – Doug Seconded – Motion Passed

**Motion 5** – Jon - To appoint Rob Roach and Jenelle Wohlberg as new Board Directors for Calgary Arts Academy Society - Jordan Seconded – Motion Passed

6. Audit Committee – Ken – We met today to discuss the current finances. Cole does a wonderful job. When we look at last year we have a budget of \$7.2 million, and have end the year with a \$60,000 surplus. Auditors were in this week to begin that process. And looking ahead we have a current teacher/student ratio is of 16.87 and our adult to student ration is 11.9.
7. Superintendent Report – Michelle – I met with the education minister’s chief of staff, James Johnson to check in on how everything is going. We discussed out student population and the policies and how it effects our students. We talked about governance, and about our capital plan including the time crunch associated with it. He appreciated our approach to following the process. We should an update email to the minister regarding our plan.

With the charter school evaluation, they determined that we should have 3 school councils, but when we set up Erickson centre it was put under the knob hill school code. We need a motion to establish a new school code.

**Motion 6** – Jon - To establish a new school code and name it the Calgary Arts Academy  
Erickson Centre – Arsheel Seconded - Motion Passed

8. Advocacy – Joshua – We met with 3 government affairs team: Global Public affairs, New West Public Affairs, and ISP. Ultimately it justified moving forward with ISP. Urgency is high for our capital plan. They are well connected. There won’t be any decision right now while strike is on, but we need to be looking at a UCP champions for us and validation from other stakeholders i.e. Stampede etc. ISP will give us an action plan. There is commentary around the petition do defund private school. We may want to keep an eye on this as we know we would be next. Let’s draft a letter of intent that we would like to put a down payment from board to the Minister. Get a better commitment by the government.
9. Capital Planning Committee – Arsh – See above.

10. Governance Committee – John – The governance committee hasn't met in a while. Our AGM is next month, and we need to do an internal audit to ensure we are compliant with our own policies. This should be an annual review. We will have a slate of board nominations, all members.
  11. Growth Committee - Mallory – No further update.
  12. Arts Engagement – Joshua – With the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts, in the past, one of the gaps is the recognition of young artists. We believe given the mandate of the school we are well positioned to champion and advocate for young artists. What we need to do to move forward is financial support from the CAA Foundation so we can Provide an award. Right now, we don't know if this event will exist with a new mayor, but we will be ready to jump on it if it is a go. The Advocacy committee will do a one pager on the newly elected.
  13. Arts Coordinator – Cheralyn – Jubilee is coming December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please provided your VIPS for the event, it is our most important event. For the Website, we are finalizing the content and looking at an online application form. Or wither we need to have that as a phased approach.
  14. Meeting Adjournment 8:15
- Motion 7** – Rob – to adjourn – Jenelle Seconded - Motion Passed

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

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – November 18, 2025
- Annual General Meeting – November 18, 2025
- Jubilee Winter Celebration – December 5, 2025