Sarasota Academy of the Arts
April 21, 2026
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors
582 McIntosh Rd- 9:00am
Administration Office

Monthly Governing Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order: **9:00am by President Kennedy**

II. Determination of a Quorum: **Quorum present. President Kennedy, Vice President Mizak, and Treasurer Dembicki in attendance**

III. Approval of Minutes: **Approved unanimously**

IV. Finances-Financial Report:
1. Review and Approve Financial Reports

2. Discussion of Draft Budget: **Board reviews draft budget. Had additional questions for scenario planning that was forwarded to Building Hope.**

V. Principal's Report:
1. As required by F.A.C. 6A-1.0018, Sarasota County District received and acknowledged the Florida School Compliance Inspection Report within one school day of receipt. The inspection was conducted by Samara Farrugia, Compliance Specialist, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Ms. Farrugia documented **no compliance violations** during her review of the school. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of your staff in maintaining a safe and compliant environment for students and staff alike.No further action is required.

2. Our monthly Tuesday Tours continue to yield positive outcomes for enrollment. SAA continues to reach out to families to join our school. **160 students have confirmed enrollment, expecting more.**

3. State Testing will continue until May. These scores place students, particularly middle school in their required courses for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Interviews are beginning for the 5th grade position for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. End of year shows and graduation dates will be posted in the May Newsletter which I will share with the Board. **Graduation will be held on May 26th at 6pm.**

6. Leadership Evaluation is due to the District by May 22nd. It is a link which has been shared. **Completed by Board.**

7. Jeff Peterson from Sunshine From Darkness visited the school and presented a gift for $1,000

VI. Old Business:

1. Phase 2 Build-Out: Continuing discussion (financing options). **Treasurer Dembicki received financing options for Synovus Bank. The most attractive option was a 5 year Treasury Note fixed at 2.4%. While this is an attractive option, the Board decided - due to the current environment in the county which is uncertain and the fact that the School does not need the additional space at this time - to suspend any renovation efforts at this time.**

2. Selection of new auditor. **Miller and Miller were approved unanimously by the Board.**

3. Ringling College Teen Studios Code: SAA26 **for a 10% discount**

VII. New Business:

1. Discussion of moving time of Board meetings. **Starting with the July meeting, the Board will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. The first meeting on this new day will be July 15th. Vice-President Mizak thanks the Board for their flexibility.**

2. The Comprehensive Evidenced=Based Ready Plan (CERP) for 2026-27 was approved by the Board unanimously.

3. The SAA Youth Mental Health Plan was approved by the Board unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments: **None**

IX. Adjournment: **Adjourned at 10:22 by President Kennedy**

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026 at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Mizak, Ph.D.
Vice President and Acting Secretary
Governing Board of Directors
Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Approved by vote of Board: 5/19/26
Date

Signature of Board Officer