

**THE STUDIO SCHOOL**  
**Board of Directors Regular Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

**Members Physically Present:** Melanie Mazingo, Jennie Becker, Simon Sperl, Aaron Monson, Craig Farmer, Colleen Brennan

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Maria Sperl, Brett Studer

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order 4:13pm
2. Roll call, hat wearing and establishment of a quorum; read/interpret the mission statement (Melanie)
  - a. *The Studio School is a public charter school providing an exemplary problem- and project-based educational program for students in grades 9-12. We offer a studio-based visual arts, media arts, design, and engineering curriculum combined with rigorous, interdisciplinary liberal arts studies, and local, national, and world-wide experiential community service learning opportunities for all students, faculty, and staff. We cultivate students' capacity for creativity, curiosity, empathy, and 21st Century citizenship while supporting the development of their personal creative voice and leadership abilities.*
3. Approval of 8-20-17 meeting agenda 4:23pm, Jennie first, Craig second
4. Approval of 8-13-17 minutes 4:23pm, Craig first, Simon second
5. Public comments
6. Consent agenda: consent agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be voted upon with a single motion; however, any board member may request that items on the Consent Agenda be removed from it for independent consideration. Any items so identified will be moved to the Action Item portion of the agenda.
7. Reports
  - a. Brett Studer, NEO, CSP grant and new start-up requirements on Basecamp
  - b. Australian High School Partnerships (5 minutes, Colleen)
  - c. Facilities search and accounting update (Colleen & Craig)
  - d. Non-profit paperwork with a lawyer (Colleen & Jennie)
8. Information/Discussion Items
  - a. Possible amendment of September meeting dates. Eliminate the September 24th meeting 4:41pm, Craig first, Simon second
  - b. Forming committees and dividing our workload for upcoming (October) curriculum scope and sequence and policy work (Colleen)
  - c. MN Center for Nonprofits Board Repair Fair plans (Colleen & Craig)
  - d. Marketing and recruitment plan: ongoing documentation of broad and diverse recruitment efforts and State Fair Booth (Colleen) Education Building stall #34
  - e. Approaching potential engineering board members (Mel)
  - f. Changes to Board of Directors:

- i. Simon has a new job at the Wayzata Symphony Orchestra and continuing to serve on the Board of Directors is a conflict of interest.
  - 1. Simon Sperl is giving verbal notice that he will be stepping off the Board of Directors after the end of this meeting.
  - 2. Maria Sperl has petitioned to become a member of the Board of Directors after Simon steps off.
  - 3. Mel: motion to vote to approve Simon to step off the Board of Directors, seconded by Aaron, vote:
    - a. Mel: Yay
    - b. Jennie: Yay
    - c. Aaron: Yay
    - d. Mel: Yay
    - e. Craig: Yay
    - f. Simon: Abstain
    - g. Approved: Simon will step off the Board of Directors effective August, 20, 2017 at the adjournment of this meeting.
  - 4. Mel: motion to vote to approve Maria to join the Board of Directors, seconded by Craig, vote:
    - a. Mel: Yay
    - b. Jennie: Yay
    - c. Aaron: Yay
    - d. Mel: Yay
    - e. Craig: Yay
    - f. Simon: Abstain
    - g. Approved: Maria will join the Board of Directors effective August, 20, 2017 at the adjournment of this meeting.
  - 5. The official board roster with NEO will be updated within 5 days as will the school's website to reflect this change
  - 6. Maria will complete a background check prior to the start of the next meeting
  - g. Fall BBQ (Craig)
  - h. Twin Cities Academy meeting with Erin (Colleen)
  - i. Community sharing (Jennie)
- 9. Action Items
  - a. Policy review and edit: [102](#), [208](#), [215](#), [402](#), [404](#)
  - b. 102 Equal Educational Optional policy adopted 5:17pm, Craig first, Jennie second
  - c. 208 Development Adoption Implementation of Policy policy adopted 5:25pm, Simon first, Craig second
  - d. 215 Conflict of Interest policy adopted 5:26p Jennie, first, Craig second
  - e. 402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy adopted 5:28pm, Simon first, Jennie second

- f. 404 Criminal Background Checks policy adopted 5:33pm, Aaron first, Craig second
10. Adjourn the regular meeting 5:41pm, Craig first, Jennie second