



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Higher Institute of Arts and Technology (HIAT)

5861 Harrison Street Merrillville, IN 46410

Friday, April 4, 2025 | 12:00 (CT)

I. Meeting Called To Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 12:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Directors recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

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

a. Approval of Board Agenda

Motion: Stephanie Davis Support: Charles Reese

The board unanimously voted to approve the board agenda.

b. Approval of Board Minutes from February 6, 2025

Motion: Stephanie Davis Support: Charles Reese

The board unanimously voted to approve the board minutes.

IV. CMO Report

a. Financial Report

PLA CFO, Eva Spilker presented the financial update and reported out on the income statement, cash balances, accounts payable balances, days cash, and the enrollment budget.

b. Principal and Academic Board Report

Principal Johnson and PLA Regional Director, Erin Simpson, presented the principal and academic board report and provided updates on enrollment, new staff, Summer Advantage update, March academic and IREAD data, campus celebrations, and upcoming events. Khyla Jackson provided the building updates.

V. Committee Reports

- Each committee will report out at the June board meeting.

VI. Old Business/Discussion Items

- President Johnson thanked Earl Martin Phalen, Eva Spilker, and Erin Simpson for their continued support of HIAT.

VII. New Business

a. Approval of 2025-26 School Year Calendar

Motion: Stephanie Davis

Support: April Brown

Yays: 4

Nays: 0

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2025-26 School Year Calendar.

VIII. PTA

- PTA President, Ms. Westbrook provided the parent update.

IX. Open Communication

- Mr. and Mrs. Rucker would like to discuss offering fresh food options.
- Coach Taylor made a comment regarding gym options.

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Charles Reese

Support: April Brown

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.