UTOPIAN ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS
CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK

Mission Statement: Through a structured and supportive environment, the Utopian Academy for the Arts will develop academic and artistic students to enter and to succeed in the global society with proficiency to enroll in a college, university or specialty school of their choice.

Utopian Academy for the Arts
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 29, 2026

Document Preparation Information

Prepared by:
Dr. Artesius Miller, Recording Secretary

Meeting Information

Date:	**Start Time:**	**Teleconference Details:**
October 29, 2026	6:00 pm	(646-558-8656) Access Code 82241821532 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82241821532

Meeting Objectives:
Monthly Board Meeting

Called by:	**Email Address:**	**Phone:**
Joshua Menifee, Board Chair	Joshua.Menifee@utopianacademy.com	(470) 446-1070 Office

Attendees

Mr. Joshua Menifee, Governance Board Chair Reginald Colbert, Governance Board Vice-Chair Mr. Steven Garner, Governance Board CFO Mrs. Stephany Walls, Board Member Mr. Gavin McGuire, Board Member Mr. Christopher Copeland, Board Member Mr. Dale Smith, CFO Ms. Pamela Dingle, Executive Director	Mrs. Elisha Byers, Director of Strategic Initiatives Mrs. Ebonne Craft, Director of Arts

Agenda

Call To Order	Call to Order: 6:05 pm	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the corrected agenda by Reginald Colbert Second: Steven Garner	Vote: 6-0 *Unanimous*
Approval of Board Minutes September 24, 2026 (Board Meeting)	Motion to accept minutes as read by Steven Garner Second: Christopher Copeland	Vote: 6-0 *Unanimous*
Public Participation	There was no public participation at this meeting	

Action Items Utopian Academy for the Arts Trilith Sublease	Motion to accept revised Trilith lease, authorizing Dr. Artesius Miller to execute by Steven Garner Second Christopher Copeland	Vote: 6-0 *Unanimous*
FY26 School Audits	Board CFO Steven Garner presented highlights for each academy and the network. Utopian had clean audit reports, an unqualified opinion. The reports were submitted to the authorizer on time. Motion to accept each audit report by Steven Garner Second Christopher Copeland	Vote: 6-0 *Unanimous*
Parents' Bill of Rights Policy	Executive Director Pamela Dingle reviewed the changes to the Parents Bill of Rights Policy. Motion to accept the Parents Bill of Rights Policy with the updates by Joshua Menifee Second Christopher Copeland	Vote: 6-0 *Unanimous*
Recommendations from Committee Meetings		
Academic Committee	Academic Committee Member Mrs. Walls shared the highlights for each school with the board.	No action taken.
Financial and Fundraising Committee	Steven Garner, Dale Smith and Mrs. Byers presented the current financials, fundraising and development highlights.	No action taken.
Executive Director's Report	Ms. Dingle presented and reviewed the report.	No action taken.
Executive Session	There were no matters to discuss in Executive Session	
Recommendations from Executive Session		
Announcements Adjournment	The next Governance Board Meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 6:00pm. Meeting adjourned by Joshua Menifee Time: 8:11 pm	