



**Arizona School for the Arts**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 9:00am

**Google Meet:** <https://meet.google.com/ynh-kuje-pqt>

**Attendance** (Voting Members in **Bold**)

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| <b>Allison Otu, President</b>       | <b>P</b> | <b>Michelle Davidson, Vice President</b>   | <b>P</b> | <b>Leola Abraham, Secretary</b>         | <b>P</b> |
| <b>Scott S. Stone, Treasurer</b>    | <b>P</b> | <b>Melvin (Mel) Brown</b>                  | <b>P</b> | <b>Michelle Buckley</b>                 | <b>P</b> |
| <b>Carrie Larson</b>                | <b>P</b> | <b>Michael Medici, AIA</b>                 | <b>P</b> | <b>Dr. Lorisa Pombo</b>                 | <b>P</b> |
| <b>Marcelino Quiñonez</b>           | <b>P</b> | <b>Nonnie Shivers</b>                      | <b>P</b> | <b>Annette Zinky</b>                    | <b>P</b> |
| David Alderslade                    | A        | Jennifer Delgado                           | A        | Elizabeth (Liz) Goodman                 | A        |
| Jaime Dempsey                       | P        | Joshua Pierce, Honorary Arts Faculty       | X        | Todd Webster, Honorary Academic Faculty | X        |
| Lola Morales, Honorary Student      | X        | Promise Ndayiragije, Honorary Student      | X        | David Lujan, Executive Director         | P        |
| Elma Džanić Bass, Head of School    | P        | Leslie Tan Religioso, Development Director | X        | Carolyn Smith, Executive Office Manager | P        |
| Forrest Valora II, Business Manager | P        |                                            |          |                                         |          |

**Agenda Items**

**| Call to the Public**

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|  | Allison Otu |
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**| Discussion Items**

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| Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Expenditure Budget | Scott Stone & David Lujan |
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**| Action Items**

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| Approval of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Expenditure Budget via Roll Call Vote                                                                                                                                             |
| The Board of Directors may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to: ARS §38-431.03 (A)(3) Legal Advice |

**Minutes**

Board President Allison Otu called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

### **Call to the Public**

There were no members of the public present; Allison moved onto the Discussion Items.

### **Discussion Items**

David Lujan told the Board that this would be the final approval vote of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Expenditure Budget. The proposed budget was presented at the June 22nd board meeting and there were no changes since that time. David and Forrest Valora fielded a few questions posed by a couple of members who were not in attendance at the prior meeting regarding some line items and answered them to the Board's satisfaction.

### **Action Items**

#### *Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Expenditure Budget via Roll Call Vote*

Scott Stone moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Expenditure Budget via roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Mike Medici and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Otu, Davidson, Abraham, Stone, Brown, Buckley, Larson, Medici, Pombo, Quiñonez, Shivers, and Zinky voting in favor.]

### **Adjournment**

Marcelino Quiñonez moved to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mel Brown and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Otu, Davidson, Abraham, Stone, Brown, Buckley, Larson, Medici, Pombo, Quiñonez, Shivers, and Zinky voting in favor.]

The meeting adjourned at 7:15am.

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Minutes reviewed and accepted on: August 24, 2026

Signed by: Michelle Davidson, Board Member