

River Campus Board of Managers Minutes

September 5th, 2025

Attendees: Danielle Poyner, Brad Koester, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Kenneth Haskin, Brittany Schroeder

Absent: Bruce Skinner, Sophia Han

Guests: Ellen Wood, Gary Tyler, Cleo Watkins

Location: River Campus Seminary Building, Conference Room (RCS305)

Minutes: Motion made by Danielle Poyner and seconded by Rhonda Weller-Stilson for approval of minutes from June 6th, 2025. Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Danielle Poyner called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

Agenda

- **Museum Programming, Upcoming Show Updates with Gary Tyler-** Gary shared a handout outlining the Museum's August and September events and participation numbers. He discussed the new Jazz Photography exhibit and the upcoming First Friday concert, as well as future outreach and student engagement events. He also noted that the Museum will no longer be open on Sundays starting next semester.
- **Introduction of Cleo Watkins, HCAM's New Production Operations Manager-** Cleo Watkins, a Southeast alumnus, introduced herself as HCAM's new Production Operations Manager. There was also discussion about other recently filled faculty positions.
- **Ticket Sales Updates with Ellen Wood-** Ellen shared a handout outlining the Box Office's season ticket sales, which are up across the board. Gross ticket sales are up 5.2%. She explained the reasons behind the rise, including a new pricing structure, a stronger social media presence during slower periods, and the new option for students to purchase tickets online.
- **Recruiting & Outreach Initiatives Updates, Chateau, Rotary, and New Orleans Trip-** Faculty plan to return to New Orleans in October for recruiting, including portfolio reviews and auditions with New Orleans Performing Arts High School, similar to their trip in April. Admissions reported student applications from these trips. There was also discussion about leadership groups visiting the River Campus and community outreach with the Rotary and Chateau groups.

Discussion:

The discussion included Sophia Han's resignation from the Board of Managers, the City's replacement process, and plans for next year's season calendar.

There was also a discussion about the next meeting date. Due to scheduling conflicts in December, the next meeting date was set for January 9th, 2026.

As a quorum was not present, the meeting was not officially adjourned. The meeting was informally concluded at 1:00 PM.