Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees Meeting  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Jesse H. Jones Communication Center, Building A  
Lady Bird Johnson Room (CMA 5.136)  
2504A Whitis Avenue, Austin, Texas 78712  
May 3, 2019

Voting Members Present:  
Rachel Cooper, Rylan Maksoud, JoJo Phillips, Dr. Kathleen McElroy, Michael J. Barrett,  
Marlies Arevalo, Susan T. Nold

Voting Members Not Present:  
Emily Nguyen, Tian Lai, Michelle Peplinski

Non-voting Members Present:  
Gerald Johnson, Liza Anderson, Forrest Milburn, Gab Soong, Peter Corrao, Hailey Wheeler,  
Virginia Beshears

Non-voting Members Not Present:  
Riley O’Hara

Guests:  
Michelle Almonte, Catherine Marfin, Sean Dolan, Shamika Kurian, Ethan Smith, Ariel Pitre  
Young, Ross Burkhart, Lisa Nhan, Arvind Ashok, Max Lopez, Morgan Cutaia, Syeda Maryum  
Qadri, Samagra Jain, Anuj Mocherla, Riley Steward, Malyne Wilkins, Frank Serpas, Emily  
Cohen, Spencer Buckner, Robert Zimmer, Janie Castillo-Flores, Debbie Hiott, Colton Morris

Meeting Opening:

The Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees Executive Committee meeting on May  
3rd was called to order at 1:02 PM by JoJo Phillips.

Motion for Executive Committee to recess to Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551 Section  
Unanimously approved.

Executive session beginning announced at 1:03PM by JoJo Phillips.

Certified agenda kept.

Executive session ending announced at 1:17PM by JoJo Phillips.

Julia Jeffress Excellence Award is uncontested. Kirsten Handler and Megan Menchaca.
Motion to certify Julia Jeffress Excellence Award recipients. Dr. Kathleen McElroy moves. Marlies Arevalo seconds. Unanimously approved.

M. Dolores Ebert Award uncontested for Diane Byram.

Motion to certify M. Dolores Ebert Award recipient. JoJo Phillips moves. Dr. Kathleen McElroy seconds. Unanimously approved.

Motion to recess meeting of the Executive Committee. JoJo Phillips moves. Rylan Maksoud seconds. Unanimously approved.

Meeting of full board called to order at 1:34 PM by JoJo Phillips.

JoJo Phillips and Debbie Hiott discuss positive executive committee report on Gerald Johnson.

Approval of minutes from March 29, 2019, meeting of the Texas Student Media Board of Operating Trustees. Rachel Cooper motions to approve. Marlies Arevalo seconds. Unanimously approved.

Motion to vacate Moody student board seats held by Michelle Pelpinski and Tian Lai for consistent non-attendance pursuant to board governing documents. JoJo Phillips motions to approve. Rylan Maksoud seconds. Unanimously approved.

JoJo Phillips discusses Moody student board appointments. Morgan Cutaia and Syeda Maryum Qadri discuss their application. Morgan Cutaia indicates preference for one-year term.


JoJo Phillips asks the present at-large board position candidates to discuss their application, Samagra Jain, Anuj Mocherla, Riley Steward, Malyne Wilkins.

Executive session beginning announced by JoJo Phillips at 1:59PM. Pursuant to Chapter 551, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Certified agenda kept.

Executive session closing announced 2:19PM by JoJo Phillips.

Motion to appoint Malyne Wilkins to June 2019-May 2021 at-large student board position. Michael J. Barrett seconds. 7-0 vote. Motion passes.
Motion to appoint Anuj Mocherla to June 2019-May 2021 at-large student board position. Marlies seconds. 7-0 vote. Motion passes.

JoJo Phillips asks the Texas Travesty candidates, Arvind Ashok and Maximilano Lopez, to discuss their application.

JoJo Phillips asks uncontested candidates, Michelle Almonte for Cactus Yearbook, Catherine Marfin for Daily Texan Fall 2019 Managing Editor, and Sean Dolan for TSTV manager, to discuss their applications.

Motion to appoint Michelle Almonte as June 2019-May 2020 Cactus Yearbook Editor-In-Chief. JoJo Phillips moves. Dr. Kathleen McElroy seconds. 7-0 vote. Motion passes.

Motion to appoint Catherine Marfin for Daily Texan Fall 2019 Managing Editor. JoJo Phillips moves. Rylan Maksoud seconds. 7-0 vote. Motion passes.

Motion to appoint Sean Dolan as June 2019-May 2020 Texas Student TV Station Manager. Rachel Cooper moves. Dr. Kathleen McElroy seconds. 7-0 vote. Motion passes.

JoJo Phillips asks Daily Texan summer managing editor applicants, Ross Burkart, Lisa Nhan, and (via phone) Alex Briseño to discuss their applications.

JoJo Phillips asks KVRX station manager candidates, Shamika Kurian, Ethan Smith, and Ariel Pitre Young, to discuss their applications.

Executive session beginning announced by JoJo Phillips at 3:15PM. Pursuant to Chapter 551, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

Certified agenda kept.

Executive session closing announced by JoJo Phillips at 3:35PM.


Motion to appoint Alex Briseño for Daily Texan Summer 2019 Managing Editor. Rylan Maksoud moves. 6-0 vote. Dr. Kathleen McElroy abstained. Motion passes.

Motion to appoint Arvind Ashok for June 2019-May 2020 Texas Travesty Editor-In-Chief. Marlies Arevalo moves. Rachel Cooper seconds. 7-0 vote. Motion passes.

BOARD REPORT
Director Gerald Johnson
- TSTV transmitter air conditioner replaced
Daily Texan - Liza Anderson and Forrest Milburn
• Lots of great editorials about pressing topics.
• Diversity and inclusion report. Restructuring diversity board.
Cactus Yearbook - Hailey Wheeler
• Books have arrived. Great year.
Texas Travesty - Virginia Beshears
• Final issue
KVRX- Gab Soong
• KVRX Fest upcoming
TSTV- Peter Corrao
• ISOJ

Frank Serpas discusses proposed upcoming TSM board meeting dates.

**JoJo Phillips adjourns meeting at 3:54PM.**