



215 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10019

## **Board of Control Meeting**

**January 14, 2026**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Board of Control (“BoC”) of The Art Students League of New York (“The League”), having been duly noticed and called, was held at 6:00 PM on January 14, 2026 in person at The League’s West 57<sup>th</sup> Street building and by Zoom.

#### **Present:**

Yoko Cohen, President  
Stephen Durkee, Vice President & Secretary  
Marcy Vesel Bronkar, Vice President (by Zoom)  
Beth Berns, Treasurer (joined the meeting following Item III)  
John Chee (joined the meeting following Item III)  
Charles “Chick” Foxgrover  
Jon Greenfield  
Daniel Kalin  
John Kneapler  
Stephen Rosenthal  
Peter Stamas

#### **Absent:**

None

#### **Also Present:**

Michael Hall, Executive Director  
Inga Glodowski, Director of Development  
Kathleen Hayes, Chief Financial Officer  
Lynn Tomaszewski, Provost  
Becka Vacarelo, Manager of Development Operations  
Joshua C. Nathan, Counsel to the League

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

There being a quorum present, President Yoko Cohen called the meeting to order.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The BoC unanimously approved the previously circulated minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting of the BoC without edits.

**III. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF CONTROL:**

Pursuant to Article V of the League’s Constitution, by unanimous vote the BoC appointed Beth Berns and John Chee to serve as members of the BoC for one-year terms. Beth Berns and John Chee joined the meeting and were welcomed.

**IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:**

The BoC unanimously approved the previously circulated revised conflict of interest policy.

**V. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:**

Confidentiality Agreements and Conflict of Interest Policy disclosure forms were distributed to each BoC member for them to complete, sign, and return to Becka Vacarelo.

**VI. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

The election results from the December 17, 2025 annual meeting were presented for certification. The BoC reviewed and discussed the results, and Jon Greenfield read a statement that expressed concerns about the results. On the motion of Peter Stamas, seconded by Stephen Durkee, the election was certified by a roll call vote of 9-1-1 as follows: “yes” votes by Yoko Cohen, Stephen Durkee, Marcy Vesel Bronkar, John Chee, Charles “Chick” Foxgrover, Daniel Kalin, John Kneapler, Stephen Rosenthal, and Peter Stamas, a “no” vote by Jon Greenfield, and an abstention by Beth Berns.

**VII. MEMBER REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS:**

The BoC reviewed and unanimously approved the following Requests for Reinstatement:

| <b>ID</b> | <b>First Name</b> | <b>Last Name</b> |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| 0055007   | Lucie             | Curtiss Quinn    |

**VIII. WELCOME NEW PROVOST:**

Newly hired Provost Lynn Tomaszewski introduced herself to the Board, discussed her experience and enthusiasm for joining the League and answered questions. Lynn Tomaszewski excused herself from the meeting following the discussion.

**IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Yoko Cohen gave an update on her first three weeks in the role. She highlighted the BoC retreat coming up on February 4, 2026.

**X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Michael Hall gave several staffing updates.

**XI. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

President Yoko Cohen assigned members of the BoC to committees and explained how the committees will function and be supported by staff.

**XII. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER:**

Pursuant to Article V of the League's Constitution, President Yoko Cohen nominated Stephen Durkee to serve as Board Secretary and Beth Berns to serve as Board Treasurer. Both nominations were unanimously approved.

**XIII. BOARD CALENDAR:**

President Yoko Cohen presented the proposed Board Calendar dates for February through June, which was unanimously approved by the BoC.

**XIV. PRESENTATION ON BOARD GOVERNANCE:**

Josh Nathan, counsel to the League, made a board orientation presentation on board governance and answered questions from BoC members about BoC responsibilities and various governance guidelines.

**XV. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

The BoC discussed a matter in executive session.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becka Vacarelo*

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Manager of Development Operations