

APPROVED

**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2023**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

**Kathy McClendon, President
Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President
Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary
Christine Mya-San
Amer Child
Dana Flores**

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER by President Kathy McClendon at 6:38PM

B. ROLL CALL of Board Members & Welcome Staff and Guests by Dr. Jenn Peña

- a. Kathy McClendon, President- present
- b. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President- present
- c. Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary- present
- d. Christine Mya-San, Board Member- not present
- e. Amer Child, Board Member- not present
- f. Dana Flores, Board Member- present
- g. Rebekah Runyan, Business Manager
- h. Dan Hill, Attorney
- i. Kelly Callahan, Consultant
- j. Jordan Franco, Director
- k. Michele Platis, Director
- l. Bob Baldwin, Guest
- m. Fulton Breen, Guest
- n. Lindsay Richard, Guest
- o. Oren Ran, Guest

C. *Motion to *ADOPT THE AGENDA

- a. Motion by Jenn Peña, Seconded by Dana Flores
- b. Unanimously approved

D. *Motion to *APPROVE MINUTES Board Meeting August 15, 2023

- a. Motion by Kathy McClendon, Seconded by Dana Flores
- b. Unanimously approved

E. FINANCIALS

- a. ***Motion to *APPROVE Monthly Financial Report (August), including BARs**
 - i. Motion by Jenn Peña, Seconded by Kathy McClendon
 - ii. Review of reports by Rebekah Runyan

- iii. BAR 2324-0004-T Operational to 2000 Function
- iv. BAR 23-24-0005-I Ed Fellows Increase Per Award, \$69,048
- v. Unanimously approved

F. GOVERNANCE

a. Motion to *APPROVE Board Member

- i. Introduction by Kathy McClendon and Jordan Franco
- ii. Motion to approve Oren Ran by Kathy McClendon, Seconded by Dr. Susan McConnell
- iii. Introduction by Oren
- iv. Unanimously approved

b. PCSNM Coaching/Mentoring GB Training program

Kelly Callahan

- i. MOU already approved, no further action needed

c. Move Review of Bylaws to October

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G. AFTON/QPD PRESENTATION

Lindsay Fulton, Robert Baldwin, & Fulton Breen

- a. Discussion of future building options
- b. Susan: What are our next steps?

H. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS

RioGAFA Directors

- a. Directors' Report
 - i. Data Reporting - Using IStation for all grades, reviewed baseline data for August
 - ii. Staffing - 16 staff
 - iii. Schedule/Events - Open House Aug 3
 - iv. Professional Development/Training -
 - 1. 5 day Summer Institute
 - 2. 1 day/week PD during artistry block (one day for ES, one day for MS)
 - 3. Some staff are taking on PD/leadership
 - 4. Directors attending a conference next month, regarding charter growth
 - v. Students - 142, plus a few in progress this week
 - vi. Property/Site - meeting with AFTON/QPD to consider options for future sites

I. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

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- a. NEXT Scheduled Meeting October 17, 2023
- b. ADJOURNMENT at 8:29PM by Kathy McClendon, President

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary

Approved October 17