

**Approved**

**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS  
Special Meeting (off the normal date for June)  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 27, 2023**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**Kathy McClendon, President  
Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President  
Lee Baldwin, Treasurer  
Dr. Jenn Pena, Secretary  
Christine Mya-San  
Amer Child  
Mary Ellen Dannenberg  
Dana Flores**

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**GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting.**

**Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board (Regular 3rd Tuesday changed to June 27, 2023 just for this month)**

**RioGAFA Special Board Meeting (Regular 3rd Tuesday changed to June 27, 2023 just for this month)**

**Tuesday, June 27 · 6:30 – 8:00pm**

**Time zone: America/Denver**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/btz-iihn-hms>**

**Or dial: (US) +1 318-414-0157 PIN: 410 268 284#**

**\*Denotes potential action items for the Board**

*NOTE: Agenda items can be added to the agenda for discussion, but they are not actionable. The Governance Board attempts to follow the order of items as listed, however, the order of specific items may vary from the printed agenda.*

**Public Comment:**

- a. Members of the public who wish to speak at the Governing Board meeting, must sign-up prior to the meeting on the Public Comment sign-up sheet. The Governance Board President will set the time limit per presenter at the beginning of the meeting based on the number of persons signed up to address the Board. Persons from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view will be discouraged and may be ruled out of order.
- b. If the meeting is held virtually, public comment will be allowed during the meeting via Zoom. To speak during public comment, please email your request to speak with your name to up to twenty-four hours prior to the meeting to [kathy.mcclendon@riograndeacademyoffinearts.com](mailto:kathy.mcclendon@riograndeacademyoffinearts.com) - Speakers will be unmuted in order to address the Governance Board. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes or based on the number of speakers. The public may also email comments to Kathy McClendon at [kathy.mcclendon@riograndeacademyoffinearts.com](mailto:kathy.mcclendon@riograndeacademyoffinearts.com) - Emailed

comments will be kept with the records of the meeting.

*The following format is not indicative that each thing is up for discussion, but a framework in which to fit the Board's business for meeting purposes.*

## AGENDA

- A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** **President**  
Meeting called to order, 6:35 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL of Board Members & Welcome Staff and Guests** **Susan McConnell**
- Present  
Kathy McClendon  
Susan McConnell  
Amer Child  
Lee Baldwin  
Mary Ellen Dannenberg
- Directors  
Jordan Franco  
Michele Platis
- Guests  
Dan Hill  
Kelly Callahan  
Vanessa Gonzales
- C. \*Motion to \*ADOPT THE AGENDA** **Governing Board**  
Move to adopt the agenda, S McConnell; 2<sup>nd</sup>, A Child  
Approved unanimously
- D. Pledge of Allegiance** **All Invited**
- E. \*Motion to \*APPROVE MINUTES FROM May 16, 2023** **Governing Board**  
Move to approve the minutes from May 16, 2023, S McConnell; 2<sup>nd</sup>, L Baldwin  
Approved unanimously
- F. STUDENT PRESENTATION (When Available)** **RioGAFA**
- G. FINANCIALS**
- a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE Monthly Financial Report** **Lee Baldwin; GB**  
Move to approve monthly financials and BARS from treasurer's report, K McClendon; 2<sup>nd</sup>, A Child.  
Discussion included all financials and one [blanket/clean up] BAR to cover to last of year. Financials included year to date, categorized budget graphs. May blanket/clean up BAR was used to reclassify or adjust accounts in twelve categories.  
One blanket/clean up BAR is requested for June (through end of fiscal year).  
One stand out expenditure for May included money to the PED to reconcile the student (membership) numbers (\$138,882.69)  
Approved unanimously
- b. \*Motion to \*APPROVE BAR's (collectively)** **Governing Board**  
See above

**a. Topics to Consider****i. Directors' Report****ii. DATA Reporting**

Michele Platis shared EOY data, summative and growth, for Rio GAFA.

Math – iReady

Percentages just below 50% of students at or above grade level.

6<sup>th</sup> grade and Special Education students showed phenomenal growth specifically.

Ready – iStation

Percentages just below 50% of students at or above grade level.

Again, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Special Education students showed phenomenal growth specifically.

From CSD visit and report – RioGAFA *exceeded expectations* on both mission specific goals.

**iii. Staffing**

Jordan Franco shares that new staff has been hired.

**iv. Schedule/Events****v. Professional Development/Training****vi. Students**

Jordan Franco reports that registration has begun to solidify student counts and attendance for the fall.

**vii. Recruitment Report****viii. Property/Site**

Jordan Franco reports that there are some plumbing repairs being made. Furniture has been ordered to accommodate new staff/classrooms.

**ix. Electronics****x. Construction/Repairs****xi. Safety and Security****xii. Miscellaneous****I. GOVERNANCE****a. Motion to \*APPROVE Director's Inventory relative to Audit**

Move to approve Inventory for audit, S McConnell; 2<sup>nd</sup>, ME Dannenberg

Discussion includes an explanation of what needs to be included – all fixed assets and/or technology over \$5000. This must be verified and approved by Governing Board.  
8 items on the list.

Approved unanimously.

**b. Motion to \*APPROVE Corrected Salary Schedule/s**

Move to approve corrected Salary Schedules, ME Dannenberg; 2<sup>nd</sup>, A Child

Discussion and explanation by V Gonzales includes that all the previously approved amounts are correct. The corrections for approval tonight include the number of contract days for Teachers, and for Education Assistants to be corrected from 203 days to 205 days.

Approved unanimously

**c. Governance Committee Recommendation Re: Directors' Evaluation and Rehire**

- i. CLOSED SESSION - Motion to \*APPROVE entering into closed session to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the school Directors' evaluation and re-hire pursuant to OMA §10-15-1 (H)(2).**

Move to provide closed session to discuss limited personnel matters regarding school Directors' evaluations and rehire, A Child; 2<sup>nd</sup>, L Baldwin

Roll call vote –

Kathy McClendon – aye  
Susan McConnell – aye  
Amer Child – aye  
Lee Baldwin – aye  
Mary Ellen Dannenberg – aye

Invited to attend –

Jordan Franco – Director  
Michele Platis – Director  
Dan Hill – Counsel  
Kelly Callahan – consultant/trainer

- ii. UPON return to the open session the President or Vice President will read the following statement: “All matters discussed during the closed session were only regarding the topic listed on the agenda.”**
- iii. Motion to \*APPROVE the Governance Committee's Recommendation to Accept the Evaluation of Directors**

Move to approve Governance Committee's recommendation to accept evaluation of Directors, K McClendon; 2<sup>nd</sup>, A Child  
Approved unanimously.

- iv. Motion to \*APPROVE the Governance Committee's Recommendation for Rehiring 2023-2024**

Move to approve the rehiring of Michele Platis and Jordan Franco as Directors of RioGAFA for the 2023-2024 school year, K McClendon; 2<sup>nd</sup>, ME Dannenberg  
Approved unanimously.

- d. Documents Notice (if needed) Governing Board**

- i. Directors' Contract**  
**ii. Director's Inventory Record**

**J. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

**Directors**

**K. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS**

**Governing Board**

Lee Baldwin stated that he will resign from the Rio GAFA Governing Board and treasurer position. August will be his last meeting. Kathy and others commended Lee's work and dedication.

- a. NEXT Scheduled Meeting July 18, 2023**  
**b. TBD Susan's update on the possibility of a Work Retreat**

K Callahan's contract to be discussed at July meeting; then discuss retreat.

- c. ADJOURNMENT**

**President**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

*If you are an individual with a disability in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Jordan Franco at [jordan.franco@riograndeacademyoffinearts.com](mailto:jordan.franco@riograndeacademyoffinearts.com) at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact Jordan Franco at the phone number or email address above if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.*

*Recorded and respectfully submitted by Dr. Susan McConnell*