

**Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts
Governing Board Meeting
October 15, 2024
Approved Minutes**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

**Kathy McClendon, President
Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President
Oren Ran, Treasurer
Corrine Teller, Secretary
Amer Child, Member
Dana Flores, Member**

GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting

Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board

RioGAFA Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 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 - 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 - 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.

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AGENDA

- A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER (turn ON the recording)** Vice
President
- B. ROLL CALL of Board Members & Welcome Staff and Guests** Vice
President
- a. Board Members:
 - i. Susan McConnell
 - ii. Amer Child
 - iii. Dana Flores
 - iv. Corinne Teller
 - b. Visitors:
 - i. Eliza Quintero (assistant business manager)
 - ii. Sammi Marquez (Business Manager)
 - iii. Kelly Callahan (Board Coach)
 - iv. Dan Hill (Attorney)
- C. *Motion to *ADOPT THE AGENDA** Governing
Board
- a. Motion to approve
 - i. 1st- Amer
 - ii. 2nd- Susan
 - iii. All others in favor
- D. *Motion to *APPROVE MINUTES of September 17, 2024** Governing
Board
- a. Motion to approve
 - i. 1st- Amer
 - ii. 2nd- Susan
 - iii. All others in favor
- E. STUDENT PRESENTATION (When Available)** RioGAFA
- a. None tonight
- F. FINANCIALS REPORT** Treasurer
Ran/Runyan
- a. Reference September reports
 - b. Liquidity is at 6.29 months, above the desired 3-4 months

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G. *Motion to *APPROVE September Financial Report incl. BARs

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- a. Motion to approve September financials, bank reconciliation, check listing
 - i. 1st- Susan
 - ii. 2nd- Amer
 - iii. All others in favor

H. *Motion to *APPROVE Blanket Bar if needed

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- a. No BARs
- I. *Motion to *APPROVE Ed Fellow Stipends for Directors**
 - a. Michele- To be divided equally between four mentors who mentor the Ed Fellows. This is not to go necessarily to directors, but to the employees under their direction.
 - b. Motion to approve
 - i. 1st- Amer
 - ii. 2nd- Dana
 - iii. All others in favor

J. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS RioGAFA

Directors

a. Topics to Consider

- i. Directors' Report- Michele
 - 1. Enrollment- 203 students as of 40th day
 - 2. Staff- fully staffed.
 - 3. Explora Night- 75 attendees
 - 4. Assessments-
 - a. Elementary- Students below grade level are completing twice as many lessons and 78% doing so successfully
 - b. Middle School- started using a new program to help with reading. Great growth in 8th grade students.
 - 5. Two new portables have arrived on site and an additional

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portable is coming.

K. Governance - Governing Board Items

a. *Motion to *APPROVE Consulting Service Agreement (with CSDC)

- i. Susan- Facilities Committee met regarding this and met with Laura, the Chief Dev Officer of CSDC. CSDC is a non-profit with \$75million to work with. They charge a 5% development fee to the school. There is an interest rate attached to the LPA. Some of the rate is tied to the market and some of the funds are grants, which is taken into consideration to determine the interest rate. CSDC holds the LPA, similar to a Foundation, so alleviates that need. They are here for the schools- to procure, build and create a master plan.
- ii. Facilities Committee recommends that this be approved, signed and sent to CSDC as soon as possible, to allow for them to get started.
- iii. Motion to approve and execute the agreement
 1. 1st- Amer
 2. 2nd- Dana
 3. All others in favor

b. Facilities Update

Facilities

Teams

- i. See a., above.

c. Documents Notice (if needed)

- i. None

L. Comments from Board or Directors

- a. None

M. NEXT Scheduled Meeting November 19, 2024

N. ADJOURNMENT at 7:14pm (turn OFF the recording)

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