

**DRAFT** November 18, 2025

**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**November 18, 2025**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

<i>Kathy McClendon, President</i>	<i>present</i>
<i>Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President</i>	<i>present</i>
<i>Oren Ran, Treasurer</i>	<i>present</i>
<i>Corinne Teller Barraza, Secretary</i>	
<i>Amer Child, Member</i>	
<i>Dana Flores, Member</i>	<i>present</i>

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**GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting**

**Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board**

**RioGAFA Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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

### B. ROLL CALL of Board Members

Secretary

*Quorum determined (see above) and meeting called to order at 6:36 P.M.*

### C. \*Review of and **Action** regarding November 18, 2025 AGENDA

Governing Board

*Motion - Kathy M 2<sup>nd</sup> - Susan M*

*Approved unanimously*

### D. \*Review of and **Action** regarding the MINUTES of October 21, 2025 Governing Board

*Motion – Susan M 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dana F (no substantive changes) Approved unanimously*

### E. FINANCIALS REPORT

Ran/Runyan/Marquez

#### a. \*Review of and **Action** regarding October 2025 Financial Report incl. BAR's

*Motion – Susan M 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oren R*

*No BARS*

*No questions for the check listing. When audit is finalized adjustments can be made for the fund balance increase.*

*Bank reconciliation ties to the general ledger. Reviewed journal entries.*

*Financials were reviewed prior to meeting by finance committee.*

*Approved unanimously*

### F. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS

RioGAFA Directors

#### a. Topics to Consider

i. Directors' Report

viii. Electronics

ii. DATA Reporting

ix. Construction/Repairs

iii. Staffing

x. Safety and Security

iv. Schedule/Events v. Students

xi. Miscellaneous

vi. Recruitment Report

xii. Professional Development

vii. Property/Site

xiii. Equity Council

*Directors' reports included -*

*Enrollment down slightly*

*Attendance down slightly. Working on reviewing with parents the importance of attendance but fine balance regarding not sending students to school sick.*

*Hired some additional EA's and Literacy coach.*

*Community building included First Fall Festival and a Halloween event*

*Literacy SMART goals developed*

*New tool for tracking and displaying data. Showing some growth areas. Important as instruction reflects areas of need.*

*December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Winter Showcase at Hiland theater.*

**G. GOVERNANCE - GOVERNING BOARD ITEMS**

**Governing Board**

**a. \* Action regarding CONSENT AGENDA (POLICIES)**

*Motion – Kathy M 2<sup>nd</sup> – Susan M*

- i. Students Self-Administering Certain Medications Policy
- ii. Sick Leave Donation Policy
- iii. Student Credits Policy
- iv. Reference Check Policy
- v. Homeless Youth Policy
- vi. Grade Change Policy
- vii. Emergency Drills Policy
- viii. English Learner (EL) Policy
- ix. Diabetes Self Management Policy
- x. Dental Examination Requirement Policy
- xi. Chapter 1 Child Find Interventions Policy
- xii. Anti-Bullying Policy (revision)
- xiii. Alcohol, Tobacco, And Drug Free Policy (revision)
- xiv. Employee Leave Policy (revision)
- xv. Administration of Medical Cannabis to Students Policy
- xvi. Student Enrollment Policy (revision)

*Above policies were reviewed, discussed and edited as needed at working retreat. Action to approve them to record for Rio GAFA policies.*

*Approved unanimously*

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**b. Facilities Update (if needed)**

**Governing Board**

*On to the next steps. Jordan did ask Beacon 22 to put in writing the offer to purchase the parcels that are/will be for sale at the new property. He agreed. We are ready to move forward.*

**c. Documents Notice (if needed)**

**H. Comments from Board or Directors**

**I. NEXT Scheduled Meeting December 16, 2025**

**J. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned 7:27 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Susan McConnell, Vice President*