Approved November 18, 2025

RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
November 18, 2025

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

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 - 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.

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 2nd - Susan M ***Approved unanimously***

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

Motion – Susan M 2nd – 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 2nd – 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
ii. DATA Reporting
iii. Staffing
iv. Schedule/Events v. Students
vi. Recruitment Report
vii. Property/Site
viii. Electronics
ix. Construction/Repairs
x. Safety and Security
xi. Miscellaneous
xii. Professional Development
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 5th will be the Winter Showcase at Hiland theater.

G. GOVERNANCE - GOVERNING BOARD ITEMS **Governing Board**

a. * Action regarding CONSENT AGENDA (POLICIES)

Motion – Kathy M 2nd – 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

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