

**Approved**

**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 19, 2024**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

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

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**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](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 (turn ON the recording)**

**Vice President**

**B. ROLL CALL of Board Members & Welcome Staff and Guests**

**Vice President**

a. Board Members:

- i. Kathy McClendon, President
- ii. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President
- iii. Oren Ran, Treasurer
- iv. Corrine Teller, Secretary
- v. Amer Child, Member

b. Visitors:

- i. Sammi Marquez- Business Manager
- ii. Kelly Callahan
- iii. Kelci Pike (6:54pm)

**C. \*Motion to \*ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**Governing Board**

a. Motion to approve

- i. 1st- Amer Child
- ii. 2nd- [Susan McConnell](#)
- iii. All others in favor

**D. \*Motion to \*APPROVE MINUTES of October 15, 2024**

**Governing Board**

a. Motion to approve

- i. 1st- Corinne Teller
- ii. 2nd- Amer Child
- iii. All others in favor

**E. STUDENT PRESENTATION (When Available)**

**RioGAFA**

a. None

**F. FINANCIALS REPORT**

**Treasurer Ran/Runyan**

**a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE October Financial Report incl. BARs** **Governing Board**

i. Motion to approve

1. 1st- [Kathy McClendon](#)
2. 2nd- Amer Child
3. All others in favor

ii. Summary of (11) BARs for initial and additional award amounts, correction for PED set budget, function maintenance.

1. New funds, not expected- Public School Kitchen Infrastructure (\$50k), Charter Growth Fund (\$30k), Community School (\$12k), NM Arts (\$5k)
2. Check listing reviewed
3. Projected vs Actual on target
4. RFR funds are coming in
5. Cash balance staying consistent (approx \$800k) and expected to increase with SEG adjustment.

**b. \*Motion to \*APPROVE Blanket Bar if needed**

**Governing Board**

i. n/a

**c. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS**

**RioGAFA Directors**

i. Jordan Fraco

1. Enrollment stayed the same (203).
2. Added another middle school teacher and Ed Fellow. Possibly adding another Ops person and Dean later in the year.
3. Trick or Treat parade went well!
4. Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow- expecting 200 or more community members
5. Seeing a lot of growth (learning) in elementary school
6. Middle school has been more challenging. Michelle is doing model teaching for teachers and will continue working on how to better help these students. Hoping middle year assessments will be better.
7. Portables- will hopefully be in and ready by next semester. Will provide another four classes.
8. Facility Committee- LOI executed. Meet weekly to check in on progress.
9. Conferences next week.
10. Showcase December 12 at UNM Continuing Ed Bld.

#### **G. Governance - Governing Board Items**

##### **a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE the Bellwether Contract**

- i. Motion to approve
  1. 1st- Susan McConnell
  2. 2nd- Oren Ran
  3. All others in favor
- ii. Bellweather works in connection with CSGF. CSGF pays most of the cost and we pay the remaining approx 32%. They look at the strengths and weaknesses of the school, focusing on growth. A few other schools they have worked with got great results working with them. Expect working with them will contribute to school's success.

##### **b. \*Motion to \*APPROVE the Recruitment Contract with Taylor Wiz**

- i. Motion to approve
  1. 1st- Kathy McClendon
  2. 2nd- Amer Child
  3. All others in favor
- ii. For marketing, including social media. Will provide a social media manager. Other schools in the state have been happy with them. Try to meet enrollment goals of the school. A six month contract @ \$3500/mo. They also follow up with the leads almost immediately.

##### **c. Facilities Update**

##### **Facilities Teams**

- i. none

##### **d. Documents Notice (if needed)**

#### **H. Comments from Board or Directors**

- a. Kathy McClendon- highlighted the role of Kelly Callahan, and the service she provides to the board.

#### **I. NEXT Scheduled Meeting December 17, 2024**

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT (turn OFF the recording)**

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*Approved December 17 2024*