DRAFT Minutes October 18, 2026

RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 18, 2026

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

RIOGAFA BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 18 2026 2:00 PM

Sunday, October 18 · 2:00 – 3:30pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/wrt-atpv-uvt

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More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/wrt-atpv-uvt?pin=6665958043301

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***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.

MINUTES

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER (turn ON recording) [Amer] Vice-President

B. ROLL CALL of Board Members Secretary

a. Call to Order: 2:04

b. Roll Call

i. Kathy McClendon - in attendance

ii. Susan McConnell - in attendance

iii. Oren Ran - in attendance

iv. Corinne Teller - absent

v. Dana Flores - in attendance

vi. Amer Child - in attendance

c. Also in attendance: Jordan Franco and Michele Platis (Executive Directors), Sammi Marquez and Andres Sandoval (Business Managers)

C. *Review of and Action regarding October 18, 2026 AGENDA Governing Board

a. Motion Kathy McClendon

b. Susan McConnell second

c. Motion approved, unanimously

D. *Review of and Action regarding the MINUTES September 15, 2026 Governing Board

a. Motion by Susan McConnell

b. Second by Amer Child

c. Motion Approved, unanimously

E. FINANCIALS REPORT Ran/Marquez/Governing Board

a. *Review of and Action regarding September 2026 Financial Report incl. BAR's

i. Motion by Kathy McClendon

ii. Second by Oren Ran

iii. Financial Report presented by Andres Sandoval. Review for discussion

1. 26107 Bar to review for Ed Fellows award $176,000

a. Salaries, benefits, and other school liabilities

2. No questions

iv. Motion approved as presented unanimously

F. OTHER BUSINESS: Governing Board

a. *Review of and Action regarding the Children's Internet Policy Act (CIPA)

i. Motion by Dana Flores

ii. Second by Oren Ran

iii. Jordan presented the policy for discussion. CIPA is required to ERate. Approval for Policy and Assurances

iv. Motion approved unanimously

b. Decision on IOS December 1 deadline for the grant application

i. All board members completed Indicators of Success

ii. At retreat 10/18/26

1. Filled out grant application
2. More information on indicators of use

G. 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

b. Directors's Report:

i. Jordan Franco

1. Renewal visit tomorrow 10/19
2. PEC renewal hearing 11/20
3. Tentative date for groundbreaking 12/1 or 12/2
4. 247 Enrollment on 40th day

ii. Michele Platis

1. BOY data is similar to EOY Amira and NMMSSA which puts us in a good position to grow.
2. Math continues to be our biggest area of growth
    a. HQIM Implementation Grant for math
    b. 2 Tutors with 90% of time on math

H. GOVERNANCE - GOVERNING BOARD ITEMS

a. Governing Board

i. Epicenter

ii. Training on Canvas

1. A few new things in training modules

iii.

b. Facilities Update **Director/Facilities**

c. Documents Notice Added to Folder - Public Notice of the Retreat agenda

I. Comments from Board or Directors

a. Adjournment at 2:33

J. NEXT Scheduled Meeting November 17, 2026

K. ADJOURNMENT (turn OFF the recording (Amer)

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