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RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
July 15, 2025

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting

Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board

RioGAFA Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 6:30 – 8:00pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/btz-iihn-hms

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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.

AGENDA

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER (turn ON recording) (Amer) **President**

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

C. Board Members
   a. Kathy McClendon, President
   b. Oren Ran, Treasurer
   c. Corinne Teller Barraza, Secretary
   d. Amer Child, Member
   e. Dana Flores, Member

D. Visitors
   a. Michele Platis, Admin
   b. Jordan Franco, Admin
   c. Veronica Torres, Attorney
   d. Sammi Marquez, Business Manager
   e. Eliza Quintero, Asst Business Manager

E. *Review of and Action regarding July 15, 2025 AGENDA **Governing Board**
   a. Motion to approve
      i. 1st- Kathy McClendon
      ii. 2nd-Amer
      iii. All others in favor

F. *Review of and Action regarding the MINUTES of June 17, 2025 **Governing Board**
   a. 1st- Amer Child
   b. 2nd- Oren Ran
   c. All others in favor

G. FINANCIALS REPORT **Ran/Runyan/Marquez**

   a. ***Review of and Action regarding June 2025 Financial Report incl. BAR's**
      i. 1st- Oren Ran
      ii. 2nd- Amer Child
      iii. All others in favor
   b. Presentation by business manager, Sammi Marquez
      i. Presented BARs entered, using the Blanket BAR approval from the July board meeting. The Increase and Decrease BARs were to reconcile to actual receipts.
      ii. The only unusual item was for the purchase of kitchen equipment for $51k.
      iii. Most special revenue funds were full spent.
      iv. Liquidity is at a good amount
      v. Reviewed bank reconciliation and journal entries, done to spend down special revenue funds.
   c. ***Review of and Action regarding Blanket Bar** **Governing Board**
      i. n/a

H. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS **RioGAFA Directors**

   a. Jordan Franco
      i. Enrollment- pushing on this. New Dean, also working on canvasing and advertising. Enrollment lower than what is wanted due to 8th grade students going to high school. Right now at 210. 250 is the goal.

ii. Hiring- new Dean and a few teachers and coaches

iii. Facilities

- Starting project to build fence around portables to prevent further copper theft and graffiti. Hoping it will be complete this week. Working on insurance claim for these losses.
- Fresh coat of paint done in building
- Got permission from county commissioner to to design the building as we like. Neighborhood is concerned about traffic. Working and communicating with them, working on a positive relationship with them, to put them at ease.
  - Kathy- glad that they are taking these proactive steps

b. Michel Platis

i. Data- provided link to final 2024-25 school year data.

ii. PD- took staff to National Charter School conf. Came back with a lot of good ideas to support the school. Starting to plan for summer PD when staff comes back July 28.

iii. School starts Aug 4

I. **Governance - Governing Board Items**

a. ***Review of and Action regarding addition to the staff handbook regarding AWOL days** **Governing Board**

i. 1st- Kathy McClendon

ii. 2nd- Corinne Teller Barraza

iii. All others in favor

iv. Discussion- Michele Platis presented days not eligible for staff leave

- To ensure that staff is present, not on leave, such as PD days and before and after school closures and holidays and parent conferences and special events.
- Kathy McClendon clarified that these events are per the Charter

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

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

J. Comments from Board or Directors

a. Kathy McClendon - Application for Lease Assistance has been signed.

K. NEXT Scheduled Meeting August 19, 2025

L. ADJOURNMENT (turn OFF the recording (Amer)

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