

RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

Governing Board Minutes 02/01/2022

Approved

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A. Welcome and Call to Order

- Kathy McClendon
- Time: 6:34 pm

B. Attendance: Roll Call

- Board Members
 - Kathy McClendon
 - Dr. Susan McConnell
 - Lee Baldwin
 - Amer Child
 - Christine Mya-San
 - Dr. Jenn Peña
- Guests
 - [Michele Platis](#)
 - Jordan Franco
 - Jenny Wheeler Hillsey
 - Rebecca Runyan

C. Adoption of the Agenda, Kathy McClendon

- Motion to approve Agenda by Lee Baldwin
- Seconded by Amer Child
- Roll call: 6-0 approval of Agenda

D. Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the New Mexico Flag

- Amer Child

E. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 2, 2021, Kathy McClendon

- Motion to approve Minutes from January 4, 2022, by Susan McConnell
- Seconded by Amer Child
- Roll call: 6-0 approval of Minutes from Jan 4, 2022

F. Public Comment:

- No public comment

G. Organizational Matters: Kathy McClendon

1. Update Progress of Amendment of policies - making tremendous progress.
Susan McConnell reports that Kathy McClendon has done tremendous work and is following up and keeping everyone updated and continuing to move forward.
 - a. Consent Agenda in May
 - b. Dan is checking some of them for legal compliance
 - c. Board Policies Folder (approved policies will be sorted into Series 100-500 organization categories: Governance, Personnel, Students, Instruction, and Business). These will need to be reviewed annually.
2. Update on Governing Board General Calendar in the Implementation Year Checklist
 - a. Michele has been drafting a plan of how to address all items in a timely manner
3. Discussion of Leave Policy *Draft* to be approved in May
4. *Discuss and approve the CSP Grant budget and BAR's- will be voted upon once we have the CSP Grant Memo
 - a. Meeting today with CSD re: CSP. Meeting was very challenging, but CSD acknowledged the challenges.
 - b. Hoping for award memo this week
 - c. CSP Grant Includes:
 - i. Textbooks, classroom supplies, software, salaries/benefits for directors, furniture, copying/ printing, technology, website, contractors, utilities, etc.
 - ii. Special meeting will be called as soon as memo is received to approve the budget
 - iii. Rebecca's ability to budget and follow the guidelines is to be commended
5. *Discussion of Days Off Calendar- Motion to discuss- Amer Child, Seconded by Christine Mya-San
 - a. Presented by Jordan Franco
 - b. Calendar represents typical school days off (holidays, breaks, etc.)
 - c. This calendar represents 230 contract days for the Directors
 - d. Motion to approve- Susan McConnell, Seconded by Lee Baldwin, Approved 6-0
6. *Discussion of Director Contract - will be presented at Special Meeting in a closed session
 - a. No action taken at this time
7. *Updated Lottery Application Form -
 - a. Motion to discuss and approve- Susan McConnell, seconded by Lee Baldwin
 - b. Link to application: <https://forms.gle/uV1Eg1u8oSBbGt737>

- c. Application in English and Spanish
 - d. Basic student demographic information and parent contact information
 - e. 26 applications received to date
 - f. Vote: 6-0 approved
8. ORI Statement (needed for IY checklist)
- a. ORI was requested in November 2021
 - b. Jordan Franco requested follow up on January 10, 2022 from PED
 - c. Angela Martinez from PED replied to say ORI was received, approved at the state level, and passed along to the FBI (email dated 1/10/2022)
 - d. Michele Platis and Jordan Franco may use another school's ORI to complete their background checks
9. Update on the Charter Fair on January 22, 2022
- a. Michele Platis- canceled in person, but held online
 - b. Schools were given a 2 minute presentation, then breakout rooms for individual schools
 - c. Answered questions for the entire 30 min breakout room time with two solid families wanting to enroll in RioGAFA for Fall.
 - d. Praise from Matt Pahl, PCSNM, on the family-friendly approach to the charter fair
10. Update on the possible site progress
- a. Looked at 6 facilities
 - b. Currently looking at an old charter school facility
 - c. PSFA had concerns but these are being addressed by the realtor with updated documentation
 - d. Facility was occupied until June 2021, meaning it has up-to-date filtration, etc.
11. New Pamphlet
- a. Designed by Michelle St. Andre-Sanchez
 - b. Can be handed out/printed or emailed

H. Announcements/GB Member Comments

- None

I. Announcements/Comments from RioGAFA Directors

- Thanks for support
- More support will be needed for recruitment
- Celebration is also in order

J. Adjournment

- Kathy McClendon 7:32PM

Written by Dr. Jenn Peña

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