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**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 1, 2022

Governing Board Members

KATHY MCCLENDON, President

DR. SUSAN McCONNELL, Vice President

LEE BALDWIN, Treasurer

DR. JENN PEÑA, Secretary

CHRISTINE MYA-SAN

AMER CHILD

VIA ZOOM

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A. Welcome and Call to Order: @6:38 Kathy McClendon

B. Roll Call of Board Members AND Welcome of Staff and Guests

a. Board Members

i. Kathy McClendon

ii. Dr. Susan McConnell

iii. Dr. Jenn Peña

iv. Lee Baldwin

v. Amer Child

vi. Christine Mya-San

b. Directors:

i. Jordan Franco

ii. Michele Platis

c. Guests

i. Dan Hill, attorney

ii. Mary Ellen Dannenberg, potential Board Member

C. *Adoption of the Agenda

a. Moved by Lee Baldwin, Seconded by Amer Child

b. Unanimously approved

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

E. *Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2022

- a. Moved by Christine Mya-San, Seconded by Lee Baldwin
- b. Unanimously approved

F. *Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting February 11, 2022

- a. Moved by Amer Child, Seconded by Lee Baldwin
- b. Discussion: Dr. McConnell: We must ratify any changes. We wanted to be sure we could back pay directors appropriately
- c. Unanimously approved

G. Public Comment: None

H. *Organizational Matters:

- a. *Nomination of Board Member – Mary Ellen Dannenberg
 - i. Moved by Dr. Jenn Peña
 - ii. Seconded by Christine Mya-San
 - iii. Introduction of Mary Ellen Dannenberg:
 - 1. Resume in the notes
 - 2. Varied experience
 - 3. Allows us to hone in on early childhood and behavior supports in school settings, which is highly beneficial to the school
 - iv. Mary Ellen Dannenberg’s Documents
 - v. Comments from Ms. Dannenberg
 - vi. Comments from Board Members about why they are on the Board of RioGAFA
 - 1. Kathy McClendon- Loves and believes in the arts and the impact it can have on education, believes in directors and they can build an excellent school
 - 2. Lee Baldwin- financial background and experience in government budgets, audits
 - 3. Christine Mya-San- many friends in education, really believes in education, her background is pharmaceuticals
 - 4. Amer Child- background in IT, but previously an educational assistant- believes in the opportunity of education
 - 5. Jenn Peña- background in education and supporting diverse learners, with and without labels- opportunity to support and influence a school
 - vii. Comments from Directors:
 - 1. Jordan Franco- this is a dream of mine

2. Michele Platis- children attended charters
- viii. Vote to invite Mary Ellen Dannenberg to the Board
 1. Unanimously passed

I. Updates from the Directors Regarding:

- a. Implementation Year March Review Prep Update
 - i. Met with CSD yesterday, all checklist items submitted, will review in the next 10 days
 - ii. CSD can make recommendations, but Board has final approval
- b. Progress following the Special Meeting relative to the CSP Grant
 - i. Submitted first cash advancement last week
 - ii. Asked for updates from Bridgette Russell, talked to her today, she was helpful. No one has mentioned concerns so far. Second cash advance will be submitted this week and plan to submit cash advances on the first and fifteenth of each month.
 1. DFA- Department of Finance Authority- hands out the money
 2. ASD- Administrative Services Division- Sign off on award letters
 - iii. Thank you again, there was quite a wave of activity when asking for the award memo, which finally rectified the situation
- c. Updates on Building Site Research
 - i. Possible site (call center) is likely falling through
 - ii. Previous school building is more likely to go through

J. Announcements/Governing Board Member Comments Directors - None

K. Announcements/Comments from RioGAFAs Directors

- a. Jordan- PayPal Donation campaign- worked with Rebekah (business manager) to make sure all is done properly.

L. Adjournment by Kathy McClendon @7:21

Approved April 5, 2022