

**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 18, 2024**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting

Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board

RioGAFA Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 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 - 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 President

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

Kathy McClendon, President	Present
Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President	Present
Oren Ran, Treasurer	Present
Secretary	
Christine Mya-San, Member	Absent
Amer Child, Member	Present
Dana Flores, Member	Present
Corinne Teller, Member	Absent

C. *Motion to *ADOPT THE AGENDA Governing Board

M - McClendon 2nd - Ran Approved unanimously

D. *Motion to *APPROVE MINUTES of May 21, 2024 Governing Board

M - Child 2nd - McConnell Approved unanimously

E. STUDENT PRESENTATION (When Available) RioGAFA

F. FINANCIALS REPORT Treasurer Ran/Runyan

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

b. *Motion to *APPROVE Blanket Bar if needed Governing Board

Motion to accept May financial report including bank reconciliation. No BARs. The blanket BAR approved last month for cleanup with be shared next month after EOY final. Discussion included reversion to PED from Extended Learning program. This was anticipated. Large fund balance and will go partially to portable acquisition and moving and large furniture expenditure for new portables as classrooms. Student Activitiesw shows an overspend but waiting on a BAR from PED to be processed.

M - Child 2nd - Ran Approved unanimously

G. GOVERNING BOARD TRAINING REPORT (when available) Kelly Callahan

McClendon reports there is one board member that needs to finish mandatory training by EOY. New

contract for Callahan on the works for next year.

H. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS RioGAFA Directors

a. Topics to Consider

- i. Directors' Report**
- ii. DATA Reporting**
- iii. Staffing**
- iv. Schedule/Events Professional Development/Training**
- v. Students**
- vi. Recruitment Report**
- vii. Property/Site**
- viii. Electronics**
- ix. Construction/Repairs**
- x. Safety and Security**
- xi. Miscellaneous**

Spring Gala a big success - over 500 hundred people in attendance. Raised approximately \$3000
Portables coming to make space for additional grade levels as we build toward our K-12 model.
Charter School Development Corp facilitating financials for new facility.

Enrollment 137 Staff 19 84% attendance

Science Night with Explora 50 participants

iStation growth R 93% M 90%

Mission specific goals exceeds standards

Arts Integration goal 100%

I. GOVERNANCE

a. Discussion of nominating a Secretary in July meeting

b. Discussion of the July deadline for compliance with the new recording requirements (document to review)**

c. Move into closed session (if needed).

d. Summary of Evaluations Outcome Dr. McConnell

Evaluations were completed and approved by the Governance Committee. Both directors completed self assessments and data collection for the evaluation template that was then completed through a long work session with the directors.

Michele Platis - Highly Effective

Jordan Franco - Highly Effective

Hardcopy evals will be signed and placed into Directors' personnel files

e. Directors' Contracts Negotiations Governing Board

Discussion around multi-year contracts and salary. Legislative session brings a 3% raise for

all school personnel. Directors propose a salary commensurate with large district salary at approximately 112,400. Need to stay competitive, acknowledge value and remain good stewards of public money and mindful of Rio GAFA's fledgling status. Directors (and board) will also take school through first renewal in 2 years. Also discussed need for a professional phone for both directors to conduct school business only.

f. *Motion to *APPROVE Contracts for Directors (if ready) Governing Board

Board settled on 3-year contract with salary for 24-25 at \$115,000 and to be reviewed annually.

M - McConnell

2nd - Child

Approved unanimously

g. Documents Notice (if needed) President**

J. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS Directors

K. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS Governing Board

a. NEXT Scheduled Meeting July 16, 2024

b. ADJOURNMENT 8:24 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan McConnell, EdD
Vice President**

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Approved July 16, 2024