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**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Minutes September 20, 2022**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

**Kathy McClendon, President
Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President
Lee Baldwin, Treasurer
Dr. Jenn Pena, Secretary
Christine Mya-San
Amer Child
Mary Ellen Dannenberg
Dana Flores**

AGENDA

- A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Kathy McClendon @ 6:36PM**
- B. ROLL CALL of Board Members & Welcome Staff and Guests by Dr. Jenn Pena**
- a. Kathy McClendon, President , **present**
 - b. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President, **present**
 - c. Lee Baldwin, Treasurer, **present**
 - d. Dr. Jenn Pena, Secretary, **present**
 - e. Christine Mya-San, **present**
 - f. Amer Child, **present**
 - g. Mary Ellen Dannenberg, **present**
 - h. Dana Flores, **present**
 - i. Zach Kirchgessner, K-12 Accounting, **present**
 - j. Michele Platis, Founder, **present**
 - k. Dan Hill, Attorney, **present**
- C. *ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- a. Motion to approve by Lee Baldwin
 - b. Seconded by Amer Child
 - c. Passed unanimously
- D. Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the New Mexico Flag**
- E. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 16, 2022**
- a. Motion to approve by Jenn Peña
 - b. Seconded by Christine Mya-San
 - c. Passed unanimously
- F. INSTRUCTIONAL: Director Michele Platis**
- a. Directors' Report: Jenn came to visit last week and Michele was able to walk around and see all the wonderful things happening. There is one teacher who claims she doesn't know what she's doing, but she brings so many wonderful ideas to the table and implements them! We have another

teacher who has adopted arts integration and

- b. Staffing - One more EA funded, but need to wait until 40th day to fund benefits, etc
- c. Schedule/Events - Visual Arts Community Event, Oct 14, 2022, 6:30PM. Possible artist demonstration
- d. Students - lost 4 students but gained 2
- e. Recruitment Report - Went to Isotopes park for an art event on Friday, continuing to recruit

G. FINANCIALS

- a. Finance Committee Report: Lee Baldwin, Treasurer
- b. *July Financial Reports APPROVAL (if still needed)
 - i. Already done in August
- c. *August Financial Reports APPROVAL
 - i. 2223-0006T: Transfer BAR: moving from one function to another, net \$0
 - ii. 2223-0007-IB: Charter School Growth Fund \$175,000
 - iii. 2223-0008-IB: Food Security Security Appropriation \$41,162
 - iv. Move to approve financial reports for August, including BARs 0006T, 0007IB, and 0008IB by Amer Child, seconded by Susan McConnell
 - v. Unanimously approved

H. OPERATIONS

- a. Directors' Report: Michele Platis
- b. Property/Site - Saturday, United Way came out for Day of Caring, over 40 people came to pull weeds, put down gravel (donated), create a sandbox. United Way featured RioGAFa in a promotional video. Kathy will send a thank you note on behalf of the Board.

I. GOVERNANCE

- a. *Waiver for Elevate NM evaluation system APPROVAL: Michele Platis
 - i. Motion to approve the waiver request: MaryEllen Dannenberg. Seconded by Christine Mya-San.
 - ii. Waiver for evaluation system. Michele is trained in RELAY, which provides teachers with small, bite sized feedback and action steps. Michele scores that weekly. Waiver is being requested because the RELAY method is more intensive.
 - iii. Unanimously approved.

J. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

Governing Board

- a. NEXT Scheduled Meeting – October 18, 2022 (DR. MCCONNELL PRESIDING)
- b. Any agenda items must be communicated to Kathy and Susan by October 13, 2022

K. ADJOURNMENT by Kathy McClendon, @7:31PM

compiled by Dr. Pena