

APPROVED Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts

Governing Board Minutes 10/5/2021

Via ZOOM

- Call to Order
 - Dan Hill
 - Time – 6:39 pm
- Attendance
 - Board Members
 - Kathy McClendon
 - Susan McConnell
 - Lee Baldwin
 - Amer Child
 - Christine Mya-san
 - Jenn Pena (joined at 7:45 p.m.)
 - Guests
 - Dan Hill, RioGAFA Attorney
 - Kelly Callahan
 - Jordan Franco
- Pledge and Salute
 - Lee Baldwin
- Public Comment
 - No comment
- Organizational Matters
 - Swearing in Board Members
 - Lead by Dan Hill
 - The Following Board Members were sworn in:
 - Kathy McClendon
 - Susan McConnell
 - Lee Baldwin
 - Amer Child
 - Jenn Pena (sworn in at 7:45 p.m.)
 - Christine Mya-san
 - Officer Election
 - Board President/Chair
 - Nomination – Kathy McClendon via Susan McConnell
 - Kathy McClendon was voted in as Board President by a unanimous vote of 5-0
 - Board Vice President/Chair
 - Nomination – Susan McConnell via Kathy McClendon
 - Susan McConnell was voted in as Board Vice-President by a unanimous vote of 5-0

- Secretary
 - Nomination – Jen Pena vis Christine Mya-san
 - Jen Pena was voted in as Board Secretary by a unanimous vote of 5-0
- Treasurer
 - Nomination - Lee Baldwin via Susan McConnell
 - Lee Baldwin was voted in as Board Treasurer by a unanimous vote of 5-0
- Edits and Adoption of Bylaws
 - Terms
 - Discussion of term lengths and officer term limits was held.
 - Edit was made to state that terms “shall be three years. No Governing Board member shall serve longer than two terms.
 - Discussion of what committees are required and language of bylaws to mandate formation of the of the committees.
 - Suggestion for alignment for bylaw language on public comment to match Open Meetings Act language
 - Edit was made to include language to assure public will be allowed to make comments in alignment with Open Meetings Act and alignment with the board agenda.
 - Discussion of Nepotism statement was held to ensure that RioGAFA bylaws are aligned to state wording in statute.
 - Motion to approve bylaws as amended in the meeting was motioned by Susan McConnell.
 - Lee Baldwin provided a second.
 - Roll call: 5-0 approval of the bylaws.
- Finance Audit Committee Creation
 - The Finance Committee was formed with the volunteering of the following board member and ex-officio members:
 - Lee Baldwin
 - Jordan Franco
 - Rebekah Runyan
 - The Audit Committee was formed with the volunteering of the following board members:
 - Susan McConnell
 - Christine Mya-san
- Regular Board Meetings
 - RioGAFA board meetings are scheduled to take place the first Tuesday of each month.
- Open Meetings Act Resolution
 - Discussion of resolution for the Open Meetings Act was held.
 - Motion to approve the resolution was motioned by Lee Baldwin

- Amer Child provided a second
 - Roll call: 5-0 approval of resolution
 - Hiring Co-Directors of RioGAFA
 - Clarification is being sought out from PED to discuss contract options for directors.
 - Discussion of resolution to hire vs. formal hiring approval was held between board members.
 - Board decided to move on action to create resolution to name the Co-Directors of the school.
 - Motion to approve the resolution to approve Jordan Franco and Michele Platis as RioGAFA Co-directors was motioned by Kathy McClendon.
 - Christine Mya-san provided a second
 - Roll call: 5-0 approval of resolution
 - Broker Agreement
 - RIoGAFA Board discussed and reviewed broker agreement of realtor to begin process of looking for a facility for the school.
 - Motion to approve the broker agreement was motioned by Susan McConnell
 - Lee Baldwin provided a second
 - Roll call: 5-0 approval of agreement.
- Governance Board Development
 - Introduction of Kelly Callahan and services provided by her to train new boards and board members.
- Announcements
 - Next board meeting will be Nov 2nd, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom
- Adjournment of meeting was called at 8:04 p.m.

Compiled by Jordan Franco

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