

Approved

**RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 16, 2024**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

**Kathy McClendon, President**  
**Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President**  
**Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary**  
**Christine Mya-San**  
**Amer Child**  
**Dana Flores**  
**Oren Ran, Treasurer**

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**AGENDA**

**A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** by Kathy McClendon at 6:33

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

**Board Members**

- a. Kathy McClendon, President-Present
- b. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President-Present
- c. Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary-Present
- d. Christine Mya-San -Absent
- e. Amer Child-Present
- f. Dana Flores-Present
- g. Oren Ran, Treasurer-Present

**Guests**

- h. Jordan Franco, Co-Director
- i. Michele Platis, Co-Director
- j. Kelly Callahan, Consultant
- k. Corrine Teller, Potential New Board Member
- l. Rebekah Runyan, Business Manager
- m. Sam Gonzales, Compliance Director DMH Law

**C.**

**D. \*Motion to \*ADOPT THE AGENDA**

- a. Motion to approve by Amer Child, Seconded by Dr. Jenn Peña
- b. Unanimously approved

**E. \*Motion to \*APPROVE MINUTES of March 19, 2024**

- a. Motion to approve by Amer Child, Seconded by Oren Ran
- b. Unanimously approved

**F. FINANCIALS REPORT**

**Treasurer Ran/Runyan**

**a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE March Financial Report incl. BARs**

- i. Motion to approve by Kathy McClendon, Seconded by Dr. Susan McConnell
- ii. BAR 2324-0038-T 24109 - Preschool IDEA B Transfer to function 1000 \$ -
  - 1. Transfer from 2200 to 1000
- iii. Discussion of P Card- concerned that there are items listed as “various items”- need more specifics for audits. Less concerned about this particular round, but want to make sure we move forward with more specific information of where items were purchased and a summary of the items purchased. School will begin adding more detail to be specific about vendors and items purchased. Especially want additional transparency on P-Card.
- iv. Reviewed the rest of the financial packet
- v. Financial records need to be accessible to the public
- vi. Unanimously approved

**G. GOVERNING BOARD TRAINING REPORT by Kelly Callahan**

- a. All Board training has been completed!
- b. A survey will be sent for feedback and requests to continue for next year

**H. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS**

**RioGAFA Directors**

**a. Directors’ Report**

- i. Michele received an extremely prestigious award, Western Region Administration Art Educator of the Year!!!! Huge congratulations to her!

**b. DATA Reporting**

- i. March was heavy on shifts for interventions and grounding that interventions can be arts integrated as well!
- ii. Seeing increases for proficiency
- iii. Students who had not been previously showing growth ARE NOW SHOWING GROWTH
- iv. Students continue to reach growth goals
- v. Mission Specific Goals- continued high attendance rates- 85% February, 94% March

**c. Staffing**

- i. Bringing on two new ed fellows for next year and they have started already and doing well

**d. Schedule/Events Professional Development/Training**

- i. Community schools meeting
- ii. Celebration of the Arts Day

**e. Students**

- i. 84.29% attendance with attendance incentives

**f. Recruitment Report**

- i. enrollment at 135
- ii. held lottery, offered a lot of seats and many are accepting
- iii. almost all students returning

**g. Property/Site**

- i. continuing to work on land

**h. Miscellaneous**

- i. NMPED CSD Visit- Excellent results- very supportive, great feedback. Shout out on LinkedIn and lots of positive and kind responses. Preliminary results are expected in a couple of weeks (within 30 days) and final report next school year. Board would like a

copy when available.

## **I. GOVERNANCE**

### **a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE Community Schools Resolution**

**Governing Board**

- i. Motion to approve by Dana Flores, Seconded by Oren Ran
- ii. Directors have applied, but not yet approved. Board must approve strategies if funded.
- iii. Following a discussion, recommendation to table the approval of resolution until it is determined if school will be funded.
- iv. Oren Ran rescinded motion to approve community schools resolution
- v. Dana Flores rescinded motion to approve community schools resolution
- vi. Motion to table approval of community schools resolution by Kathy McClendon, Seconded by Dr. Susan McConnell.

### **b. \*Motion to \*APPROVE scheduling a SPECIAL MEETING Tuesday, April 30, 2024, to approve the Budget**

**Governing Board**

- i. Motion to approve by Dr. Susan McConnell, Seconded by Amer Child
- ii. Unanimously approved

### **c. \*Motion to \*APPROVE a new board member**

**Governing Board**

- i. Motion to approve by Kathy McClendon, Seconded by Oren Ran
- ii. Introduction of potential Board member, Corrine Teller
- iii. Introduction to current Board members
- iv. Discussion of strengths from Dr. Susan McConnell
- v. Discussion of why Corrine is interested in coming on to the Board
- vi. Roll Call Vote:
  1. Kathy McClendon, President- Yes
  2. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President- Yes
  3. Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary- Yes
  4. Amer Child- Yes
  5. Dana Flores- Yes
  6. Oren Ran, Treasurer- Yes
- vii. Unanimously approved

### **d. Receipt of Resignation Letter of Dr. Jenn Peña**

**Governing Board**

- i. Receipt accepted, effective April 17, 2024

## **J. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS**

**Governing Board**

- a. Evaluation for Jordan and Michele is needed for next regularly scheduled Board Meeting
- b. New Secretary will need to be determined at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting
- c. NEXT Scheduled Meeting May 21, 2024
- d. ADJOURNMENT

*Respectfully submitted by Dr. Jenn Peña, Secretary*  
*Approved May 21, 2024*