

Approved
RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
January 21, 2025

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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

GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting

Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board

RioGAFA Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 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** **Kathy McClendon, President**
- B. ME AND CALL TO ORDER (turn ON recording) (Amer)** **President**
- C. ROLL CALL of Board Members & Welcome Staff and Guests** **Secretary**
- a. Board Members
 - i. [Kathy McClendon](#), President
 - ii. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President
 - iii. Oren Ran, Treasurer
 - iv. Corinne Teller, Secretary
 - v. Dana Flores, Member
 - vi. Amer Child, Member (7pm)
 - b. Visitors
 - i. Michele Platis, Admin
 - ii. Jordan Franco, Admin
 - iii. Kelly Calahan, Consultant
 - iv. Dan Hill, Attorney
 - v. Sammi Marquez, Business Manager
 - vi. Victoria Torres
- D. *Motion to *ADOPT THE AGENDA** **Governing Board**
- a. Motion to approve
 - i. 1st- Oren Ran
 - ii. 2nd- Dana Flores
 - iii. All others in favor
- E. *Motion to *APPROVE MINUTES of December 17, 2024** **Governing Board**
- a. Motion to approve
 - i. 1st- Oren Ran
 - ii. 2nd-Dana Flores
 - iii. All others in favor, with two spelling corrections
- F. FINANCIALS REPORT** **Ran/Runyan/Marquez**
- a. *Motion to *APPROVE Dec. Financial Report incl. BAR's **Governing Board**
 - i. Motion to approve
 - 1. 1st- [Kathy McClendon](#)
 - 2. 2nd- Oren Ran
 - 3. All others in favor
 - ii. BARs, as presented with finance reports- cleanup and cash reconciliation, per FY24 audit
 - 1. 0027-I
 - 2. 0028-I
 - 3. 0029-D
 - 4. 0030-T
 - 5. 0031-M
 - iii. A few clarifying questions on the check listing
 - iv. Business Manager reviewed financial highlights, per reports provided
 - b. *Motion to *APPROVE Blanket Bar if needed **Governing Board**

G. KELLY CALLAHAN'S Reporting or Comments

[Kelly Callahan](#)

a. Reviewed our current year Mentor Training Report to date

- i. Discussed how the board receives our training, per the competencies and how this is reported. Kelly monitors each of our competencies and related activities at each meeting. So far we have earned 4 of the 5 hours at just half way through the the school year. Any coaching she does for the board is also noted. Another report will be done at the end of the year and submitted to the CSD to show the training we have received. Setting a plan for what needs to be done along with action steps going forward.
- ii. A policy assessment will be done in the spring, resulting in a report showing what needs to be completed and compliance. Will capture what needs to be added, per new legislation.

H. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS

RioGAFA Directors

- a. Enrollment- 205- good news!
- b. Attendance 84%, affected by various illnesses
- c. Staffing the same
- d. Over 700 attendees at the Winter Wonderland!
- e. PD
 - i. Two days- 'Together We Grow'.
 - ii. Have started Peer Observations with Feedback
- f. Assessments update-
 - i. Elementary School
 1. Results ok, could be better. Using data to determine classroom instructional practices
 2. Arts Integration has been exceeded, increasing steadily since beginning of school year. Gave examples of how assessments are done. Standards are established by conversations with teachers. Ideas for arts integration come from outside sources such as from Kennedy Center and ArtsIntegration.com. Also using AI to integrate arts with the core lessons.
 3. Art event attendance- includes the event and any practice sessions. The goal is 2 events.
 - ii. Middle School

1. Starting to see growth in 7th and 8th grade, especially math.
2. Art events attendance is also exceeded here.

I. Governance - Governing Board Items

a. Facilities Update

Facilities Teams

- i. Portables are almost ready. Gas install is next. Hope to be ready by end of month.

b. Documents Notice (if needed)

J. Comments from Board or Directors

- a. Corinne asked about doing a Finance Committee Consent Agenda Item, per the Finance Committee recommendation. Kelly said this can be done, as long as an overview report is given at a high level by a Finance Committee member and Business Manager. Kathy voiced it may be good to review them in the meeting still, as we are a new board.

K. NEXT Scheduled Meeting February 18, 2025 (Kathy M will be out)

L. ADJOURNMENT at 7:30pm (turn OFF the recording (Amer))

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Recorded by Corinne Teller, Secretary RioGAFA

APPROVED MARCH 18 2025