

## **Minutes - December 16, 2025**

As taken by board secretary, Corinne Teller Barraza

### **RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

#### **AGENDA**

**December 16, 2025**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

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

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#### **GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting**

**Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board**

**RioGAFA Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025 6:30 – 8:00pm**

**Time zone: America/Denver**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link:**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (turn ON recording) (Amer) President B.**

#### **ROLL CALL of Board Members Secretary a. Board Members**

- i. Kathy McClendon, President
- ii. Dr. Susan McConnell, Vice President
- iii. Oren Ran, Treasurer
- iv. Corinne Teller Barraza, Secretary
- v. Amer Child, Member
- vi. Dana Flores, Member

#### **b. Guests**

- i. Sammi Marquez- Business Manager
- ii. Eliza Quintero- Asst Business Manager
- iii. XXX- Legal Consultant
- iv. Teresa Archuleta- PCSNM

### **C. \*Review of and Action regarding December 16, 2025 AGENDA Governing Board**

- a. Motion to approve
  - i. 1st- Corinne Teller
  - ii. 2nd- Amer Child
  - iii. All in favor

### **D. \*Review of and Action regarding the MINUTES of November 18, 2025 Governing Board**

- a. Motion to approve
  - i. 1st- Kathy McClendon
  - ii. 2nd- Susan McConnell
  - iii. All in favor

### **E. FINANCIALS REPORT Sammi Marquez a. \*Review of and Action regarding November 2025 Financial Report incl. BAR's**

- i. Motion to approve
  - 1. 1st- Kathy McClendon
  - 2. 2nd- Susan McConnell
- ii. Presentation
  - 1. BAR 25111-0011-I- Literacy Development for literacy coach and literacy coord and more, related to literacy \$188,473
  - 2. Activity fund- received more revenue than planned, so expenses are in alignment with that revenue
  - 3. Reviewed other reports and journal entries
- iii. All in favor

## **F. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS RioGAFA Directors a. Jordan Franco and Kathy**

### **McClendon**

- i. Winter Wonderland Highlights- full theater, all students performed. Families commented it was the best show ever.

### **b. Jordan Franco**

- i. Enrollment- dropped by 4 students
- ii. Attendance- went up 86 to 87%. Working to get it higher. Putting some children on attendance contracts.
- iii. Staff- looking to make a few new hires
- iv. Book Fair took place
- v. Student Led Conferences- close to 100% participation
- vi. Family Thanksgiving Dinner successful.

### **c. Michele Platis**

- i. PD- ongoing, on Fridays.
  - 1. Conferences to be led by Teachers
  - 2. Exemplars
- ii. Elem School Interim Assessments
  - 1. K-4 reading- steady improvements moving from Level 1 since beginning of year. Also growth in Levels 4 and 5 (top performance bands).  
Literacy coach has created a structured daily reading routine. Also modeled and co-taught in classrooms. Supports teachers and progress monitoring. Literacy skills should improve even more! Tightening up on interventions. Limited movement in Level 2 and 3.
  - 2. Math- seeing slower growth. Positive trends are mostly in October. Students are moving though..
- iii. Middle School Interim Assessments
  - 1. 7th and 8th grade have had the most movement - about 20%
  - 2. Work to do in reading comprehension
  - 3. Math slower growth, but giving more attention to this area

## **G. GOVERNANCE - GOVERNING BOARD ITEMS**

- a. Facilities Update Jordan Franco** i. Has done a lot of work with Alan on an LPAf and

- getting promises made in writing
- ii. To start doing weekly meetings again.

#### **H. Comments from Board or Directors**

- a. Kathy and Jordan-** Discussed 2% charter allocation email from PED. To discuss at a future board meeting how we would like to respond on how we would like these funds spent. Kathy to forward email.

#### **I. NEXT Scheduled Meeting January 20, 2026**

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT (turn OFF the recording (Amer))**

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*APPROVED January 20, 2026*