

**Approved MINUTES  
RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA  
December 17, 2024**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

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

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**GOOGLE MEET virtual meeting**

**Topic: RioGAFA Governing Board**

**RioGAFA Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024 6:30 – 8:00pm**

**Time zone: America/Denver**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/btz-iihn-hms>**

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**\*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 the recording)** Vice President

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

a. Present

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

b. Visitor

- i. Sammi Marquez - Business Manager
- ii. Kelly Callahan- Consultant
- iii. Dan Hill- Lega, at 7:10pm

**C. \*Motion to \*ADOPT THE AGENDA** Governing Board

a. Motion to approve

- i. 1st- Kathy McClendon
- ii. 2nd- Amer Child
- iii. All others in favor

**D. \*Motion to \*APPROVE MINUTES of November 19, 2024** Governing Board

a. Motion to approve

- i. 1st- Dr. Susan McConnell
- ii. 2nd- Dana Flores
- iii. All others in favor

**E. STUDENT PRESENTATION (When Available)** RioGAFA

a. None

**F. FINANCIALS REPORT** Treasurer Ran/Runyan

**a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE Nov. Financial Report incl. BARs** Governing Board

- i. Motion to approve
  1. 1st- Kathy McClendon
  2. 2nd- Oren Ran
  3. All others in favor
- ii. BARs
  1. 2425-0022-I
  2. 2425-0023-I
  3. 2425-0024-I
- iii. Fund balances are good
- iv. Expenses are slightly higher than last year, as expected due to student growth
- v. Bank account reconciled
- vi. All of these reports were reviewed by Finance Committee

**b. \*Motion to \*APPROVE Blanket Bar if needed**

**Governing Board**

- i. n/a

**G. INSTRUCTIONAL and OPERATIONS**

**RioGAFA Directors**

**a. Topics to Consider**

**i. Directors' Report**

1. The Winter Wonderland event was a huge success! Over 700 people, shows, skits, songs, dances. Shows the importance for a bigger facility
2. Attendance- percentage present is high. Personal phone calls are made to families, likely contributing to this.
3. Thanksgiving with families was a great event in November.
4. Also recapped enrollment, staffing
5. Data
  - a. Elementary School
    - i. Tier 4/Reading- getting less movement, which is good.
    - ii. Other areas heading in the right direction.
  - b. Middle School
    - i. Not as much growth
  - c. Michele meeting with Bellwether consultant now, to assist with this, among other areas. To hopefully learn from them about new things to implement next year to help with growth.
6. Facilities
  - a. Got first draft of LPA for new building. Legal has a copy to review.
  - b. To possibly get assistance from other organizations to check LPA
  - c. Portables- to hopefully be ready for delivery in January. Land is ready and inspections are taking place.
  - d. Met with business managers to ensure procurement related to facilities is taking place correctly.

**H. Governance - Governing Board Item**

**a. \*Motion to \*APPROVE**

n/a

**b. Facilities Update**

**Facilities Teams**

n/a

**c. Documents Notice (if needed)**

**I. Comments from Board or Directors -**

- a. Kathy Callahan would like to start working on a Policy Assessment to see how up to date policies are, as part of her consulting package. Kathy- would be great to be part of the board's learning and development. Would also like to discuss how it will work as Board Member terms are coming up.
- b. **Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! And Happy New Year!**

**J. NEXT Scheduled Meeting January 21, 2025**

**K. ADJOURNMENT (turn OFF the recording)**

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*Approved January 21, 2025*