



**Mission Statement:** The mission of The RISE Schools is to provide a rigorous and holistic education that develops the minds and character of scholars to be catalysts for

**The RISE Schools**  
**Governance Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

**Document Preparation Information**

**Prepared by** Lara Sterling

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**Meeting Information**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Teleconference Details</b>
Wednesday, August 21, 2024	6:00 PM	Grammar Gymnasium	+1 601-680-7192 Access Code: 807 588 676#
<b>Meeting Objectives:</b> Board Meeting			
<b>Called by:</b> Ms. Lara Sterling, Board Chair	<b>Email Address</b> <a href="mailto:lsterling.board@theriseschools.org">lsterling.board@theriseschools.org</a>	<b>Phone</b> (404) 669-8060	

**Agenda**

- A. Call to Order at 7:15pm
- B. Approval of Agenda by Camelle
  - a. Second: Tanisha
- C. Approval of Minutes (July 2024 Board Meeting)
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Camelle  
Second: Tanisha
- D. Attendees
  - a. Claude Tiller, Superintendent RISE
  - b. Lara Sterling, Chair
  - c. Camelle Simmons, Board Member
  - d. Andrea Crenshaw, Secretary
  - e. Desmond Hardy, Board Member
  - f. Tanisha Jones, Board Member
  - g. Jeremy Hill
  - h. Tiffany Cook, Director of Special Education
  - i. Christian Harden, Federal Programs Director
  - j. Terence Washington, CFO
  - k. Adam Kurt
  - l. Dondrill McFarland
  - m. Natalie Martin

- E. Board Chair Report
  - a. Welcome Back!
  - b. Board Recruitment
    - i. Calendar of Networking Event Dates
    - ii. Profile of new members (finance, education, fundraising/fund development)
      - 1. A RISE Mixer will be planned for the RISE community to meet and greet and collaborate on projects to support RISE initiatives
    - iii. Committees/Parent/Teacher Participation
  - c. Executive Director Search
    - i. Welcome Dr. Tiller - New Superintendent of the RISE Schools
  - d. EIP Comments/Updates - (if any)
  - e. Consent Items for approval:
    - i. Adopt Board Meeting Calendar for SY 2024-2025
      - 1. Board agreed by hold vote to change board meeting dates to September board meeting once Superintendent begins
    - ii. Ratify execution of the Amendment to EAE Construction Monitor Contract to cover Owner Representative Services
    - iii. Approve execution of engagement letter presented by Bambo Sonaike CPA for audit services - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C1VFeNuegzipRvfMoUObr9IR2we\\_baJY/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C1VFeNuegzipRvfMoUObr9IR2we_baJY/view?usp=drive_link)
      - 1. Motion to approve to ratify execution of the Amendment to EAE Construction Monitor Contract to cover Owner Representative Services was moved by Tanisha Second: Camelle; vote: 5-0
- F. Leadership Team Report
  - a. Enrollment Updates
    - i. Back to School and Enrollment events planned for August and September
  - b. Staffing Updates-no update
- G. Facilities Director Report-no update
  - a. Construction
  - b. Transportation
  - c. Operations
- H. IT Director Report-no update
- I. Finance Director Report
  - a. Cash will continue to be closely monitored
  - b. Business Ops Focus Areas
    - i. Grant tracking
    - ii. Payroll
    - iii. Facilities
    - iv. HR
    - v. IT
    - vi. The staff will need to continue to communicate with vendors about
    - vii. payment delays until October

J. Public Comment-no public comment

K. Executive Session (if applicable)-The Board can call this session to discuss records (or portions thereof) exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50, (OCGA 50-18-72). If called, this will be a closed session.

Recommendations from Executive Session (if applicable)-no executive session

- L. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Tanisha
  - b. Second: Camelle
  - c. Time: 7:36 PM

\*Next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on September 18, 2024