



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 social change.

**The RISE Schools  
Governance Board Special Call Meeting  
December 13, 2023**

**Document Preparation Information**

**Prepared by**  
Lara Sterling, Board Chair

**Meeting Information**

Date	Start Time	Location:	Teleconference Details
December 13, 2023	5:30 PM	Google Meet: Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/dak-repu-qpc">https://meet.google.com/dak-repu-qpc</a>	
Or dial: (US) +1 816-873-1643 PIN: 949 307 310#			
<b>Meeting Objectives:</b> Special Call Board Meeting			
<b>Called by:</b> Ms. Lara Sterling, Board Chair	<b>Email Address</b> <a href="mailto:lstirling.board@theriseschools.org">lstirling.board@theriseschools.org</a>	<b>Phone</b> (404) 669-8060	

**Attendees**

Lara Sterling, Chair  
Andrea Crenshaw, Secretary  
Desmond Hardy, Board Member  
Tanisha Jones, Board Member  
Camelle Simmons, Board Member  
Shaheen Solomon, VP and Treasurer  
Celeta Watson, Superintendent  
Terence Washington, CFO  
Nash Alexander  
Bronze Law

Call To Order	Call to Order: 5:32PM	
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Crenshaw Second: Solomon	Vote: 4 - 0 *Jones and Hardy did not vote
Budget Discussion	Dr. Celeta Watson and Terence Washington (CFO) reviewed (i) the updated budget shortfall due to lack of state funding (ii) issues caused by reduction in state funding (iii) remedies to compensate for reduction in funding to include (a) reduction in force temporarily, (b) increasing student recruitment efforts (c) increasing transportation routes, and (d) year ending planning. The goal is to increase student enrollment in order to stabilize state funding for the 24-25 School Year.	
Board Action Item:	The Board discussed the phase I of the reduction in force plan presented by the CFO and Superintendent. The impact of the RIF on the budget, execution of the plan and support to be offered to those impacted, staff moral, and impacts to the scholars was further discussed.  Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Solomon Second: Hardy  The board voted to unanimously approve the Reduction In Force Plan as presented and the Plan was adopted on 12/13/23/ 5:52p	Vote: 6-0
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn meeting by Hardy Second: Crenshaw Time: 5:57 PM	Vote: 6 - 0