



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 8, 2023**

Document Preparation Information

Prepared by
Lara Sterling, Board Chair

Meeting Information

| Date | Start Time | Location: | Teleconference Details |
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| December 8, 2023 | 1:00 PM | https://meet.google.com/kkj-hwke-cyt | |
| Or dial: (US) +1 503-773-0607 PIN: 845 492 516# | | | |
| Meeting Objectives: Special Call Board Meeting | | | |
| Called by: Ms. Lara Sterling, Board Chair | | Email Address lstirling.board@theriseschools.org | Phone (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
Heather Robinson
Linda Dunn
Morgan Felts
Nichole Bradley

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| Call To Order | Call to Order: 1:05PM | |
| Approval of Agenda | Motion to approve the agenda was moved by T. Jones Second: S. Solomon | Vote: 6 - 0 |
| Executive Session (Enter) | Affidavit The Chair requested that a motion be offered to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Board Member Solomon recused himself from attending Executive Session and vote to enter session. Motion to close general session and enter into Executive Session was made by Dr. Crenshaw Second: T. Jones Board exited general session at 1:13PM and entered Executive Session at 1:15 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Executive Session Affidavit will be attached to the minutes. | Vote: 5 - 1* - 0 *Solomon did not vote |
| Executive Session (Exit) | D. Hardy moved to close Executive Session and return to general session at 1:45 PM. Second: Camelle Simmons The Board returned to general session at 1:46PM | Vote: 5 - 1* - 0 *Solomon did not vote |
| Recommendations from Executive Session | Chair requested a motion to move forward with suggested process to address the personnel matter discussed in Executive Session Motion: Simmons Seconded: Jones | Vote: 5 - 1* - 0 *Solomon Did not vote |
| Budget Discussion | No further discussion Dr. Celeta Watson and Terence Washington (CFO) reviewed (i) 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. The Board tabled the RIF discussion until further information is provided by the | |

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| | CFO and Superintendent surrounding mitigation efforts and impacts to staff. The Board will need to call another Special Call Meeting to approve the final RIF plan. | |
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| Adjournment | Motion to adjourn meeting by Hardy Second: Crenshaw Time: 2:15PM Special Call Meeting Date to be determined | Vote: 5 - 1* - 0 *Solomon did not vote |