



River Valley Charter School

Board Meeting

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Amended on May 20, 2026 at 7:41 PM EDT

Date and Time

Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM EDT

Location

Zoom

River Valley Charter School welcomes your participation at Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Trustees ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the organization in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our school and assists the Board in making the best decisions for our school. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, guidelines are provided at the bottom of this agenda. All materials for all board and committee meetings, are available on our Board on track public portal found at rivervalleycharter.org.

This meeting will be on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86709262536?pwd=JZb60p052ivCCqmPAzrb5HH1EVAAbWQ.1>

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			7:00 PM
A. Record Attendance		Jonathan Nickerson	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Tanya Murdy	
C. Review Trustee Code of Conduct		Tanya Murdy	5 m
D. Public Comment	Discuss	Tanya Murdy	25 m
Public comment has been extended to accommodate all requests. 3 min per person.			
1. Kristen Hunter			
2. Carli Hamilton			
3. Robyn Demand			
4. Megan Mancuso			
5. Lauren Hajjar			
6. Shelby Lee			
7. Martha Burke			
8. David Javier			
II. Approve Previous Board Minutes			7:31 PM
A. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Tanya Murdy	2 m
Approve minutes for Board Meeting on April 29, 2026			
III. Consent Agenda			7:33 PM
The Items Below form our consent agenda			
A. Accountability Committee	FYI	Tanya Murdy	1 m
B. Development Committee	FYI	Tanya Murdy	1 m
C. Executive Committee	FYI	Tanya Murdy	1 m
D. Committee on Trustees	FYI	Tanya Murdy	1 m
E. Finance Committee	FYI	Tanya Murdy	1 m
F. Vote on Consent Agenda	Vote	Jonathan Nickerson	5 m
Vote to Approve Consent Agenda			

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IV. Board Business			7:43 PM
A. Montessori Moment	FYI	Beth MacQuade	10 m
<p>We need to prioritize grace and courtesy in our words and actions. Our responsibility is to set solid, positive examples of communication between adults in the community at all levels. We need to communicate with the children in ways that help them feel safe and secure at RVCS so that they can explore and develop their interests/pursue their curiosity. They spend a tremendous amount of time in school. Our words and actions should focus on empathy and understanding. When we are at odds children feel it, see it and hear it.</p>			
B. Discussion request by Meg Connerton	FYI	Meg Connerton	15 m
<p>1.) Request the Executive Committee share details and context related to the actions that took place a) during the RVCS Committee on Trustees meeting, and b) related to termination and removal of an E2 teacher during school hours, both which occurred on Friday, May 15, 2026.</p> <p>2.) Determine, as a Board, next steps related to reputational risk and potential misconduct.</p>			
V. Committee on Trustees			8:08 PM
<p>Bylaws Nominees Leadership Slate for 2026-2027 Discussion on 5/15 COT meeting & process</p>			
A. Update	FYI	Jonathan Nickerson	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee selection with direction from DESE (Alison Bagg) and Board Facilitator (Kate Scott) • Leadership nominees for 2026-2027 • Bylaws update 			
B. Bylaws	Vote	Jonathan Nickerson	5 m
<p>Latest updates based on feedback</p>			

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VI. Executive Committee			8:18 PM
A. Update	FYI	Tanya Murdy	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Executive Solutions • COL sign up • 			
VII. Finance Committee			8:28 PM
A. Update	FYI	Gary LeFave	5 m
No meeting since last BoT			
VIII. Accountability Committee			8:33 PM
A. Update	FYI	Albert Ting	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting since last BoT 			
IX. Development Committee			8:38 PM
A. Update	FYI	Elizabeth Rankin	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey to record in-kind donations and parent contributions to classrooms 			
X. Director's Update			8:43 PM
A. Director's Report	Discuss	Karen Kuse	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-26 Annual IDEA LEA Determinations • ELE Review • Maritime Mixer • Literacy Night • Staff Updates • Hired a handyperson • Interviewing tech companies to outsource network infrastructure and security • Easement 			

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• Pet & Absentee Policy			
B. Pet Policy	Vote	Tanya Murdy	5 m
C. Absentee Policy	Vote	Tanya Murdy	5 m
XI. Closing Items			9:13 PM
A. Board Meeting Survey	FYI	Tanya Murdy	1 m
Please refer to your dashboard for the survey link.			
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Tanya Murdy	

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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