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Research Triangle High School

## Minutes

### Board of Directors Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rthighschool.zoom.us/j/93566460638>

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#### Directors Present

A. Tobien (remote), C. Coia (remote), E. Cunningham (remote), J. Corn (remote), M. Babb (remote), M. Dwomoh (remote), P. Thermitus (remote), S. Hunter (remote), S. Khaliq (remote), S. Rivers-Kobler (remote)

#### Directors Absent

D. Requena, M. Walden

#### Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

S. Rivers-Kobler

#### Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

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J. Corn

### Guests Present

A. Drake (remote), A. Griffin (remote), A. Soulashinh (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Cunningham called a meeting of the board of directors of Research Triangle High School to order on Wednesday Apr 16, 2025 at 5:32 PM.

## II. Approve Board Minutes

### A. Board Meeting Minutes

S. Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 03-19-25.

J. Corn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| S. Rivers-Kobler | Absent  |
| M. Walden        | Absent  |
| C. Coia          | Aye     |
| S. Khaliq        | Aye     |
| M. Babb          | Abstain |
| P. Thermitus     | Abstain |
| M. Dwomoh        | Aye     |
| D. Requena       | Absent  |
| J. Corn          | Aye     |
| E. Cunningham    | Aye     |
| A. Tobien        | Aye     |
| S. Hunter        | Aye     |

## III. Public Comments

### A. Open to all community members (students, family members, faculty and staff, community members, and others)

None

S. Rivers-Kobler arrived.

## IV. Chief School Officer Report

## A. Executive Overview

A,Griffin presented school highlights, details attached to the agenda, and include but not limited to:

- spring break
- student trips
- basketball students and faculty
- vice-principal celebration
- Upcoming event: School musical
- college and career updates

## V. Finance Committee Report

### A. RTHS Monthly Financials and Other Business

M. Babb and A. Drake provided an update on the finance committee, details attached to the agenda, and include but not limited to:

- current budget, debt of service ratio good at 1.59 above requirement
- unallocated amount of surplus with spending deadline by end of Jun2025
- proposed 2025-26 budget
  - Revenue: using 0% increase, ADM 572, certain funding not included in budget conservatively in case they are not granted.
  - Expenses: biggest item is salary, with an average 3% increase salary based on Wake County public schools; service contracts
  - praise to the assistance provided by accountant Nicole

C. Coia made a motion to approved the proposed 2025-26 school budget.

J. Corn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| A. Tobien        | Aye    |
| J. Corn          | Aye    |
| M. Walden        | Absent |
| E. Cunningham    | Aye    |
| C. Coia          | Aye    |
| P. Thermitus     | Aye    |
| M. Dwomoh        | Aye    |
| S. Hunter        | Aye    |
| D. Requena       | Absent |
| S. Rivers-Kobler | Aye    |
| M. Babb          | Aye    |

**Roll Call**

S. Khaliq                      Aye

**VI. Executive Session**

**A. Executive Session**

A. Tobien made a motion to go into executive session due to personnel matters.

M. Babb seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**VII. Academic Excellence Committee Report**

**A. Academic Excellence Committee Business**

J. Corn and A. Griffin presented on the academic excellence committee, details attached to the agenda, and include but not limited to:

- cohort graduation rates in the tool
- SET \_ school engagement team update on 2 domains
  - turanournd leadership
  - talent development
- data driven decision

J. Corn left.

**VIII. Governance Committee Report**

**A. Governance Committee Business**

C. Coia presented an update on governance committee:

- board membership, potential new board member interview upcoming
- finance committee recommendations
- title IX policy posed for board approval
- evaluations survey requested to be completed by 2May25

M. Dwomoh made a motion to approve Title IX policy.

S. Hunter seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Babb                      Aye

S. Khaliq                      Aye

S. Rivers-Kobler              Aye

J. Corn                        Absent

P. Thermitus                  Aye

**Roll Call**

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| C. Coia       | Aye    |
| A. Tobien     | Aye    |
| S. Hunter     | Aye    |
| D. Requena    | Absent |
| M. Walden     | Absent |
| E. Cunningham | Aye    |
| M. Dwomoh     | Aye    |

**IX. Development Committee Report**

**A. Development Committee Business**

A. Griffin provide an update on the development committee, details attached to the agenda, and include but not limited to:

- overview of the 2024-25 development activities
- planning focus for 2025-26

**X. Other Business Matters**

**A. As needed**

M. Dwomoh made a motion to approve the contracts for the following personnel for the 2025-26 school.

J. Corn seconded the motion.

***Classroom Faculty***

Anderle, Sarah  
Apple, Ellen  
Baese, Katherine  
Baker, Katherine  
Balazs, Elizabeth  
Boucher, Samantha  
Bush, Christopher  
Butera, Steve  
Cherukuri, Deepthi  
Cloud, Anna  
Corey, Samantha  
Crockett, McKenna  
DeVito, Anthony  
Douglas, Antonyo  
Edwards, Josh  
Fields-Carey, Leatha  
Fisk, Kaitlyn  
Genesky, Eric  
Godwin, Tiz

Goldstein, Alan  
Hess, Sue  
Johnston, Christopher  
Journigan, Jade  
Kaufman, Stacey  
Keene, Alder  
Latour, Danielle  
Lee, Susie  
Myers-Perry, Neal  
Nix, Shana  
Oatsvall, Neil  
Price, Walter  
Pullen, Barksdale  
Sadhwani, Jaysree  
Slusser, Thomas  
Soulasinh, Angelina  
Stokes, Jessica  
Vander Zwaag, Charles  
Vincent, Kenneth  
Williams, Denise  
Wise, Emily  
Witherspoon, Angela

**EC**

Majors-Nelson, Margaret  
DuPree, Mechia  
Moody, Ellena

**Counselors**

Overman, Sarah  
Cook, Kristen  
Mills-Silver, Tanisha

**IT**

Gloria, Cornelius  
Liotta, Jay

**Support**

Rainey, Christian  
Harris, Sandra  
Lewis, Deirdre

**Leadership**

Griffin, Akiba  
Thompson, Dezra  
Drake, Alex

Rodriguez, Priscilla

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| A. Tobien        | Aye    |
| J. Corn          | Aye    |
| S. Rivers-Kobler | Aye    |
| M. Walden        | Absent |
| C. Coia          | Aye    |
| M. Babb          | Aye    |
| E. Cunningham    | Aye    |
| D. Requena       | Absent |
| S. Khaliq        | Aye    |
| S. Hunter        | Aye    |
| P. Thermitus     | Aye    |
| M. Dwomoh        | Aye    |

Reminder: A. Drake reaching out to board members for conflict of interest and residency, due by 30 Jun25

Ask for engagement - School expansion committee being created

S. Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A. Tobien seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**XI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Tobien