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Research Triangle High School

Minutes

RTHS Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location
https://rthighschool.zoom.us/j/93566460638
Meeting ID: 935 6646 0638

Directors Present
A. Tobien (remote), C. Coia (remote), D. Requena, E. Cunningham (remote), J. Berla (remote), J. Corn (remote), M. Dwomoh (remote), P. Thermitus (remote), S. Hunter (remote), S. Khaliq (remote), S. Rivers-Kobler (remote), T. Shahi (remote)

Directors Absent
M. Babb

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Requena

Guests Present
A. Drake (remote), A. Griffin (remote), Dez Thomson (remote), Helena Feder (remote), Shweta Kautia (remote)

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 Sep 17, 2025 at 5:31 PM.

II. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

A. Board Meeting Minutes

C. Coia made a motion to approve the minutes from RTHS Board of Directors Meeting on 08-20-25.
M. Dwomoh seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

T. Shahi made a motion to approve the minutes from RTHS Board of Directors Executive Session on 08-20-25.
M. Dwomoh seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Babb	Absent
C. Coia	Aye
S. Rivers-Kobler	Aye
S. Khaliq	Abstain
J. Corn	Abstain
E. Cunningham	Aye
M. Dwomoh	Aye
J. Berla	Aye
T. Shahi	Aye
D. Requena	Absent
S. Hunter	Aye

Roll Call

A. Tobien	Aye
P. Thermitus	Abstain

III. Public Comments

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

Helena Feder - addressed the board requesting RTHS dual enrollment also be approved for NCSU dual enrollment and UNC (these are for higher level classes that are not offered at RTHS). RTHS already has approved dual enrollment via College Promise.

IV. Chief School Officer Report

A. Executive Overview

A.Griffin presented highlights about the school, details in attached slides.

V. Governance Committee Report

A. Governance Committee Business

M.Dwomoh provided an update on the governance committee. Two main items for board vote

- Admissions and enrollment policy to change to start application process to RTHS earlier in the Fall, to align with the Fall school tours and other charter schools, previously enrollment opens in January.
- Allison Saviello as a new Board Member to RTHS Board of Directors. Her CV is attached to the agenda

Gratitute expressed to Sondra Rivers-Kobler as last day as RTHS board member, she served 2 terms as an active with great guidance and leadership to the board.

S. Rivers-Kobler made a motion to changes to the Admissions and enrollment policy to change to start application process to RTHS earlier in the Fall.
S. Hunter seconded the motion.
Other minor edits
Updated Admissions and enrollment policy attached to the agenda

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

Roll Call

C. Coia	Aye
T. Shahi	Aye

Roll Call

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

C. Coia made a motion to approve Allison Saviello as a new director to the RTHS board of directors.

S. Hunter seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Requena arrived.

VI. Finance Committee Report

A. RTHS Monthly Financials and Other Business

C.Coia and A.Drake provided an update on finance and budget. The details attached to the agenda.

- ADM - 572
- Good Service to Debt Ratio at 1.36, above requirement
- Facility updates

VII. Academic Excellence Committee Report

A.

Academic Excellence Business

J.Corn provided an update on academic excellence, details on the slides to the agenda.
A.Griffin provided an update on the SET (School Engagement Team) - focusing on the 3 goals:

- annual learning goals
- school culture
- progress monitoring

EOC data reviewed, 2023-25, Biology, English, Math 1 & 3. Discussion that Biology has not met growth on the past 3 years and is a focus.

VIII. Development Committee Report

A. Development Committee Business

A.Griffin and D. Requina provided an update on the development committee, details on the slides attached to the agenda.

Company matching for donations to RTHS was discussed.

IX. Other Business Matters

A. As needed

- Reminder Board Retreat Tuesday Sep 23 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM at the Frontier, Training Room, 600 Park Office Drive, Durham, NC 27709.
  - Lunch form
  - Pre-work
  - Speaker invited nonprofit and education background

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Tobien made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
M. Dwomoh seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Tobien