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Research Triangle High School

Minutes

RTHS Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 15, 2026 at 4:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5978315796?omn=88235902642>

Meeting ID: 597 831 5796

The RTHS Governance Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for July and December. Meetings are held virtually between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm ET. Meeting dates/times are subject to change with appropriate notice.

Committee Members Present

A. Drake, A. Griffin (remote), A. Tobien (remote), E. Cunningham (remote), M. Dwomoh (remote), P. Thermitus (remote)

Committee Members Absent

C. Coia

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened

A. Drake

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Cunningham called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Research Triangle High School to order on Thursday Jan 15, 2026 at 4:33 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Tobien made a motion to approve the minutes from RTHS Governance Committee Meeting on 11-13-25.

M. Dwomoh seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

P. Thermitus	Aye
A. Drake	Absent
A. Tobien	Aye
E. Cunningham	Aye
M. Dwomoh	Aye
C. Coia	Absent

II. Governance Items for Review, Approval, and Discussion

A. Governance Items for Review and Approval

Amendments to the Cellphone policy due to a change in State law effective 1Jan2026

- Main point of state law => personal devices not to be used during instructional time due to distractions.
- RTHS had minimal change to its policy and updated the language to align with state law, and the school is not having an issue with this distraction. Exceptions are noted for instructional use.

A. Drake arrived.

M. Dwomoh made a motion to approve the cell phones and wireless communication device RTHS policy.

A. Tobien seconded the motion.

Amendment to Section 2 - 1st paragraph to add to start with 'The use of ...'

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

Roll Call

C. Coia	Absent
P. Thermitus	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye
E. Cunningham	Aye
M. Dwomoh	Aye

B.

Governance Items for Discussion

Articulation agreement:

- New Articulation Agreement _ Sterling Montessori in Wake county is a charter public school K-8, informal feeder school to RTHS
- RTHS has 2 existing articulation agreements with Durham schools

P. Thermitus made a motion to approve articulation agreement with Sterling Montessori.

A. Tobien seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

C. Coia	Absent
M. Dwomoh	Aye
E. Cunningham	Aye
A. Tobien	Aye
P. Thermitus	Aye

III. Other Business

A. Additional Governance Committee Business Items

Discussion of proposed amendments to 2025-26 Board of Directors Policy and Procedures Manual relates to:

- time commitment
- attendance requirements

Edits to be brought up at next governance meeting

Recruitment Board positions:

- Governance Chair
- Secretary
- Finance Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Board Members up to 3, currently 12 board members, and room for recruitment and 4 individuals recommended.

IV. Closing Items

A.

Adjourn Meeting

A. Tobien made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

P. Thermitus seconded the motion.

The committee **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 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Tobien