



## RISE Prep Mayoral Academy

### Standing Board Meeting

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Amended on April 21, 2025 at 10:15 AM EDT

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday April 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM EDT

#### Location

30 Cumberland Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895

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A vote may be taken on any agenda item.

Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8615357511?pwd=VVhWdElmLzRRWWhvOFZDQVVBZzQrZz09#success>

Note: Members of the public can participate in public comment virtually. All RISE Prep Board Members must participate in-person.

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#### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>A.</b> Record Attendance		Georgeta Gassey	1 m
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Paulette Hamilton	1 m

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<b>C.</b> Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Paulette Hamilton	3 m

Approve minutes for Standing Board Meeting on March 4, 2025

## II. Public Comment

Members of the public who wish to provide public comment may do so at this time.

## III. Executive Director Updates 10:05 AM

<b>A.</b> General Updates	Discuss	Rosalind DaCruz	10 m
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- **Standing External Updates**

- RISE Letter to RIDE Update
- ERSRI Update

- **RICAS**

- ELA (3-8) 4/1-4/8
- Math (3-8) 5/5-5/8

- **Grant Updates:**

- Simon Wardwell Family Foundation
  - Grant submitted for PowerSchool Student Information System Transition/Implementation Year (25-26)
  - Up to \$50,000 award opportunity if proposal accepted

- **Truancy**

- RISE Prep will be initiating the legal truancy process with scholars with significant and chronic absenteeism issues that have not improved with multiple layers of school and network attendance interventions

- **General Assembly Update**

- Bills aim to limit approval, growth, and geographic expansion of charter schools/networks
- Bills that aim to limit the autonomy and decision making power of RIDE
- Bills that aim to increase access of unions within non-union schools

- **Upcoming Network Events/Key Dates**

- **Lower Academy (K-8):**
  - 4/10 Full Day: Family-Teacher Conferences
  - 4/25 8-10AM: Q3 Honor Roll Recognition Breakfast
- **Upper Academy (9):**
  - Every Wednesday 2:30-2:50PM: Community Assembly
  - 4/9: PSAT - Early Release after Assessment 12PM

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■ 4/10 Full Day: Family-Teacher Conferences

<b>IV. Communications Update</b>			<b>10:15 AM</b>
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<b>A.</b>	Update from Work with Communications Consultant	Discuss		5 m
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- Comprehensive Communications Planning
- HS Facilities Public Release Plan

<b>V. Facilities Committee: Upper Academy Requests for Proposals</b>			<b>10:20 AM</b>
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<b>A.</b>	Owner's Representative RFP Update	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	10 m
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The School Building Authority (SBA) requires that districts follow the procurement process to vet and approve an Owner's Representative for all SBA applications and projects.

The Facilities Committee and RISE Prep's legal counsel approved this RFP on March 19, 2025 at the Facilities Committee meeting released the RFP on March 20, 2025. Proposals will be brought to the Board for consideration at the May 6, 2025 Meeting.

<b>B.</b>	Architect/Design Services: Request to Use Firm on MPA List	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	10 m
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The School Building Authority (SBA) requires that districts follow the procurement process to vet and approve an architect for all SBA applications and projects. This agenda item requests that the Board approve the Executive Team to ask Kite Architects, a firm on the Master Purchase Agreement list with the state, to submit a contract proposal for RISE Prep counsel review, and Board approval when ready. Kite Architects has worked on public, charter, and private schools throughout the state. The contract would include the required Educational Planner subcontractor service through Kite.

<b>C.</b>	Commissioning Agent: Request to Use Firm on MPA List	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	10 m
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The School Building Authority (SBA) requires that districts follow the procurement process to vet and approve a commissioning agent for all SBA applications and projects.

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<p>This agenda item requests that the Board approve the Executive Team to ask Colliers, a Commissioning firm on the Master Purchase Agreement list with the state, to submit a contract proposal for RISE Prep counsel review, and Board approval when ready. Colliers has been the Commissioning agent on RISE Prep's construction projects at 30 Cumberland Street.</p>			
<b>D.</b>	Construction Manager RFP Timeline Update	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz
	<p>The School Building Authority (SBA) requires that districts follow the procurement process to vet and approve a construction manager for all SBA applications and projects. This RFP draft will be brought to the full board for release approval when design/plans are ready for bidding in late Spring/early Summer 2025.</p>		

## VI. Finance Committee Update

- Finance Committee and CFO share any highlights and notable items within Quarterly Financials.

## VII. Executive Session

11:00 AM

Note: This matter may be considered in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46- 5 (a)(5), (discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public). If held in executive session, the board may vote to seal the minutes of the executive session.

<b>A.</b>	Consideration of Matters Related to Real Estate and Facilities	Vote	Stephen Izzi	10 m
	Discussion of RISE Prep Upper Academy's facility			

## VIII. Closing Items

11:10 AM

<b>A.</b>	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Paulette Hamilton	1 m
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