



RISE Prep Academies

RISE Prep April Board Meeting

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Amended on April 14, 2026 at 6:22 AM EDT

Date and Time

Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM EDT

Location

30 Cumberland Street Woonsocket, RI 02895

A vote may be taken on any agenda item.

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			10:00 AM
A. Record Attendance		Georgeta Gassey	
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Paulette Hamilton	
C. Approve Minutes - March 2026 Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Georgeta Gassey	

II. Executive Director Updates

- Facilities Updates:
 - Woonsocket Planning Board Master Application Hearing 4/21 6:00PM @ Harris Hall
 - RIDE Review: Schematic Design Approval --> Design Development Review
 - Spring Street Abutters Coffee & Connections Meeting 4/14/26
 - Invited all abutters of Upper Academy Spring Street site to Lower Academy for coffee and a presentation of our project/opportunity to have questions and concerns answered and heard
- School Happenings
 - Lottery took place April 1, 2026
 - Projected Enrollment K-11: 840-855
 - Internal Budget Projection Enrollment Used: 794
 - RIDE Projection: 794
- SY 26-27 Hiring Season Update
 - School Based Leaders/Teams: Colarusso
 - Network Positions: DaCruz
 - Expecting strong retention & already seeing strong candidates/accepted offers
 - If you have a referral, please tell them to find our openings on SchoolSpring or through our website
- Network Assessments
 - RICAS (Lower Academy)
 - First window (ELA): begins week of April 6, 2026
 - Second window (Math): begins week of April 27, 2026
 - PSAT (Upper Academy)
 - April 10, 2026
- Budget Work Update
 - Budget work has begun amongst Network Team with a goal of bringing the first draft to the Board at our May meeting
- Grant Updates
 - Portrait of a Graduate Project (~\$42,000) submitted to Wardwell Foundation in March for April review
 - Connected with Champlin Foundation regarding grants we are eligible for, currently reviewing what, if anything we have planned qualifies
 - Received confirmation of CSP full grant ~\$667,000 of reimbursable expenses

A.	Facilities Updates	Discuss	Rosalind DaCruz
B.	School Happenings	FYI	Rosalind DaCruz

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C. SY 26-27 Hiring Season Update	FYI	Rosalind DaCruz	
D. Network Assessments	FYI	Rosalind DaCruz	
E. Budget Work Update	FYI	Rosalind DaCruz	
F. Grant Updates	FYI	Rosalind DaCruz	
III. Finance Update			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Progress Update • RIHBEC Preliminary Approval + Next Steps • Construction Bridge Loan Discussion • Budget to Actuals Review 			
A. Audit Progress Update	FYI	Kat Waller	
B. RIHBEC Preliminary Approval + Next Steps	Discuss	Kat Waller	
C. Construction Bridge Loan Discussion	Discuss	Kat Waller	
D. Budget to Actuals Review	Discuss	Kat Waller	
IV. Communications Strategic Planning/DDL Proposal			
A. Communications Needs Assessment	Discuss	Rosalind DaCruz	
B. DDL Advertising Proposal/Conclusion of Mike Trainor Full Consulting Agreement	Vote	Paulette Hamilton	
V. Consideration of Release of Requests for Proposals			
A. Landscaping/Snow Removal Vendor RFP	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	
B. Technology Vendor RFP	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	
C. Plumbing Vendor RFP	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	
D. HVAC Vendor RFP	Vote	Rosalind DaCruz	
VI. Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting - May 5, 2026			

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- Board input for next meeting's agenda

Included Already:

- RFP Bids/Recommendations
- Draft FY27 Budget

A. Board Agenda Item Input - May 5, 2026 Discuss Paulette Hamilton

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting Vote Paulette Hamilton

Note: Members of the public may provide public comment virtually, but the Board of Directors must participate in the meeting in-person.