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# Rainier Valley Leadership Academy

## Minutes

### Board of Directors Retreat

Monthly

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#### Date and Time

Saturday February 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM

#### Location

Hello,

Please save this time for our Rainier Valley Leadership Academy Board Retreat.

In-person directions:

In-person location: Rainier Valley Leadership Academy – 6020 Rainier Avenue S, Seattle WA 98118

Instructions: Please park in the parking lot behind the school.

Dial-in info: manual

(669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 989-793-884

Dial in info: one-touch

669-900-6833,,989793884#

Videoconference link

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<https://zoom.us/j/989793884>

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### **Directors Present**

C. Peoples-Procter (remote), E. Forde (remote), J. Hailey (remote), J. Thiel (remote), M. MASON (remote), N. Hester (remote), R. Bembry (remote), T. Marsh (remote), V. Hsu (remote), W. Wang (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

B. Coleman (remote), C. Catchings (remote), C. Escamilla-Soto (remote), L. Reisberg (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance & Guests**

Note that the following board members dialed in from the following addresses:

Joe Hailey - 9230 2nd Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106

William Wang - 141 Shekel Lane, Breckenridge, CO 80424

Jeff Thiel - 5215 146th Ave SE Bellevue WA 98006

Natalie Hester - 11112 Cornell Ave South Seattle, WA 98178

Reco Bembry - 35786 27th Ave S. Federal Way WA, 98003

Vivian Hsu - 6612 SE 24th St Mercer Island, WA 98040

Elijah Forde - 9237 39th Ave S., Seattle WA 98118

Carole Peoples-Procter - 236 24th Ave E Seattle 98112

Maryam Mason - 4660 S Frontenac St., Seattle, WA 98118

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Hailey called a meeting of the board of directors of Rainier Valley Leadership Academy to order on Saturday Feb 27, 2021 at 10:01 AM.

### **C. Tyson Marsh Introduction**

Prospective board member, Tyson Marsh, gave a brief introduction of himself and his interest in joining the RVLA board.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Resolutions**

N. Hester made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 01-26-21.

J. Thiel seconded the motion.

Approved as part of consent agenda

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

**Roll Call**

V. Hsu	Absent
C. Peoples-Procter	Aye
N. Hester	Aye
J. Thiel	Aye
W. Wang	Aye
M. MASON	Aye
T. Marsh	Absent
J. Hailey	Aye
R. Bembry	Aye
E. Forde	Absent

N. Hester made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-15-20.

J. Thiel seconded the motion.

Approved as part of consent agenda

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

N. Hester made a motion to Approve consent agenda.

J. Thiel seconded the motion.

Consent agenda included resolutions to approve:

- Claim vouchers and payroll payments
- 2021-2022 Highly Capable Program Application
- RVLA Course Offerings
- Board minutes from 12.15.20
- Board minutes from 1.26.21
- New Board member: Tyson Marsh

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

**Roll Call**

N. Hester	Aye
T. Marsh	Aye
C. Peoples-Procter	Aye
V. Hsu	Absent
J. Hailey	Aye
M. MASON	Aye
R. Bembry	Aye
E. Forde	Absent
J. Thiel	Aye
W. Wang	Aye

**B. Ice Breaker**

Baionne Coleman led an ice breaker where participants introduced themselves saying two truths and one lie, and others would discuss which statements were which.

**C. Teacher Speaker**

An RVLA teacher recorded a video about his experiences and what the RVLA mission means to him.

#### **D. Committee Updates**

The following committee updates were given:

- Jeff Thiel: Academic Committee
- Joe Hailey: Development Committee
- William Wang: Finance Committee
- Chastity Catchings: Audit Committee
- Baionne Coleman: Evaluation Committee

#### **E. Legislative Update**

Natalie Hester gave an update on legislative items (related to the Charter School sector) in the Washington State legislature. The two main items are:

1. the potential extension of the state's charter school cap (maximum of 40 charter schools can be established over 5 years, which expires in 2021 without an extension)
2. funding to charter schools to compensate for their lack of state/local levies in order to level the funding gap with traditional public schools

#### **F. Equity Conversation**

The Board engaged in a Socratic seminar after reading an article on racial equity ("Avoiding Racial Equity Detours")

<https://www.educationalleadership-digital.com/educationalleadership/201904/MobilePagedArticle.action?articleId=1477348#articleId1477348>

#### **G. Circle**

Baionne Coleman, Reco Bemby, and Elijah Forde shared their stories and artifact as part of on-going badge work

#### **H. School update**

Baionne updated the board on MAP data, scholar breakdown, attendance, honor roll, and conference completion.

#### **I. Lunch & Movement Break**

#### **J. School Expansion**

The board discussed exploring school expansion to serve scholars starting at the Pre-K level. Board sub-groups will explore further.

**K. Badgework Reflections/Movement Break**

**L. Committee Updates/Choose Committees**

Board revisited group and committee membership.

**M. Board Officers**

**N. Movement Break**

**O. Board Assessment/Evaluation/Goals**

Baionne led a discussion on preliminary results of the board assessment survey. Sub-groups/committees were asked to develop goals

**P. Appreciation Circle**

Participants expressed specific actions of others that they were thankful for.

**III. 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 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. Wang

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