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# Rainier Valley Leadership Academy

## Minutes

### Board of Directors Meeting

Monthly

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

Hello,

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

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

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### **Directors Present**

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

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

B. Coleman, C. Catchings, Ian Connell, Kara Lowe, L. Reisberg, Maheen Sahoo, Sudhanshu Malani, Yonas Fikak

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

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

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

William Wang - 2810 Newlands Ave. Belmont, CA, 94002

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 Tuesday Apr 27, 2021 at 4:04 PM.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Resolution to Approve March 23rd, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

V. Hsu made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 03-23-21.

N. Hester seconded the motion.

Approved as part of consent agenda on condition that a grammatical error be corrected.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **B. Resolution to approve March Payroll and Vouchers**

V. Hsu made a motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

N. Hester seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **C. Resolution to Approve School Calendar SY 2021/2022**

V. Hsu made a motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

N. Hester seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Board Work**

**A. Enrollment Update**

RVLA has 166 scholars currently; 75% have re-enrolled, 2% will not be returning, and there are 15 new scholars who have completed enrollment for next year

**B. Human Capital Update**

RVLA has added two new people to the staff: Benet Sparks will be in Operations leading After-School Programs and Samiha Carroll will be the Principal of RVLA beginning next school year.

**IV. Mission Moment**

**A. Compass Trust in Principal Scores**

Baionne discussed RVLA's successful outcome in the Compass Education's Trust in Principal Score where RVLA scored in the 90th percentile

**V. Board Work Continued**

**A. Finance Update**

Chastity went through the March financials versus budget. She also discussed the timeline and process of forming the next school year's budget.

**B. Culture Deep Dive**

Yonas Fikak led a discussion about various cultural elements of RVLA. Communication with scholars and families have been recorded since the start of the year; there have been numerous touch points across students of all grade levels and across various communication media. Scholars and families have been able to participate in various

programs including panther talks, game nights, huddles, and pulse checks. Similarly, staff have been able to participate in circles, monthly meetings, huddles, and panther talks. Lastly, the board discussed the details of the Climate Survey given to scholars and the resulting follow-up actions.

## **VI. Executive Session**

### **A. Announcement**

The board entered Executive Session at 5:02PM and announced the board meeting would be adjourned immediately after.

## **VII. 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 5:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. Wang

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