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# Rainier Valley Leadership Academy

## Minutes

### Board of Directors Retreat (In Person)

January Retreat

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#### Date and Time

Saturday January 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM

#### Location

RVLA: 6020 Rainier Ave S, Seattle WA 98118

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Rainier Valley Leadership Academy (RVLA) Board meetings are open to the public. This meeting will be in person at RVLA: 6020 Rainier Ave S, Seattle WA 98118 or virtual. To join virtually please use zoom link below:

Dial-in info: manual

(669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 989-793-884

Dial in info: one-touch

669-900-6833,,989793884#

Videoconference link

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

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#### Directors Present

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C. Peoples-Procter (remote), E. Forde, J. Thiel, M. Sahoo, R. Bemby, T. Marsh, V. Hsu (remote)

**Directors Absent**

M. MASON

**Guests Present**

B. Coleman, C. Catchings, David Watson, L. Reisberg, Lenny Reisberg, Mike Dyal

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Welcome-Record Attendance and Guests**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

T. Marsh called a meeting of the board of directors of Rainier Valley Leadership Academy to order on Saturday Jan 28, 2023 at 9:28 AM.

**C. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Resolution to December 13th, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

J. Thiel made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 12-13-22.

E. Forde seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| J. Thiel           | Aye    |
| T. Marsh           | Aye    |
| C. Peoples-Procter | Aye    |
| R. Bemby           | Aye    |
| M. MASON           | Absent |
| V. Hsu             | Aye    |
| M. Sahoo           | Aye    |
| E. Forde           | Aye    |

**B. Resolution Extend Board Term-Jeff Thiel**

T. Marsh made a motion to Pass.

R. Bemby seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| V. Hsu             | Aye     |
| J. Thiel           | Abstain |
| M. Sahoo           | Aye     |
| M. MASON           | Absent  |
| T. Marsh           | Aye     |
| R. Bembry          | Aye     |
| C. Peoples-Procter | Aye     |
| E. Forde           | Aye     |

**C. Announcement that Will Wang will be moving to an auxiliary board position. He has served two terms. Will still assist us with expansion and bond process.**

**D. Resolution December 2022 Claim Vouchers & Payroll**

J. Thiel made a motion to Pass.  
E. Forde seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| J. Thiel           | Aye    |
| R. Bembry          | Aye    |
| T. Marsh           | Aye    |
| C. Peoples-Procter | Aye    |
| M. Sahoo           | Aye    |
| V. Hsu             | Aye    |
| E. Forde           | Aye    |
| M. MASON           | Absent |

**III. Report Out**

**A. Academic Data**

Review and discussion of the academic data so far this year. This data material can be found in the board meeting packet.

**IV. Break**

**A. Bathroom Break**

**V. Book Discussion**

**A. Deculturalization & the Struggle for Equality by Joel Spring**

Dr Kinoshita led a discussion regarding the book Deculturalization & the Struggle for Equality.

**B.**

**Vivian Hsu left the meeting.**

## **VI. Expansion Conditionals**

### **A. Review RVLA Conditionals From the Commission for Elementary Expansion**

After reviewing finances and conditionals the board has decided to wait to open Elementary until 2024/25. They will vote on this in February.

## **VII. Board Composition and Recruitment**

### **A. Review Board Member Composition**

Our board is down to 7 people. We need to do some recruitment to keep our board effective. Identifying gaps in skills sets and knowledge. All board members will fill out the skills profile in Board on Track.

## **VIII. Circle**

### **A. Board Member Circle - SEL**

All Board Members and RVLA staff present participated in a circle and appreciations. This is the same SEL work our scholars and staff do.

## **IX. Executive Session**

### **A. As Needed**

No needed.

## **X. 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 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Reisberg

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

- December 2022- Bd of Directors Mtg Minutes Resolution .docx.pdf
- RVLA - Board Resolution (Re-Election of Board Member J. Thiel) .docx (1).pdf
- AP Check Summary Report with Board Certification 12.15.pdf

- AP Check Summary Report with Board Certification 12.16.pdf
  - Payroll Check Summary with Board Certification 12.30.pdf
  - Resolution December 2022 Vouchers & Payments.docx.pdf
  - Public Facing-SY22-23 Mid Year Data Reflection BOARD RETREAT.pdf
  - January 2023 Board Finance Packet.pdf
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