



# Rainier Valley Leadership Academy

## Minutes

### August Board Retreat

---

#### Date and Time

Saturday August 26, 2023 at 9:00 AM

#### Location

In Person @ RVLA: 6020 Rainier Ave. South, Seattle WA 98118

---

Rainier Valley Leadership Academy (RVLA) Board meetings are open to the public.

This meeting will be in person at RVLA: **6020 Rainier Ave South, Seattle, WA 98118**

---

#### Directors Present

E. Forde, J. Thiel, M. Dyal, M. Sahoo, R. Bembry, T. Marsh, V. Hsu

#### Directors Absent

C. Peoples-Procter, M. MASON

#### Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

M. Dyal, R. Bembry, V. Hsu

#### Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

J. Thiel, R. Bembry

#### Guests Present

Angela Thomas, B. Coleman, Chineka Jones, Daxa Thomas, Italiana Hughes, L. Reisberg, Lenny Emperado, Lisa Shimoi

## I. Opening Items

### A. Do Now

V. Hsu arrived at 9:15 AM.

M. Dyal arrived at 9:20 AM.

### 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 Aug 26, 2023 at 9:15 AM.

### C. Public Comment

## II. Consent Agenda

### A. Resolution June 13th, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

J. Thiel made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 06-13-23.

R. Bembry seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

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

### B. Payroll & Claim Vouchers: May, June, & July 2023

J. Thiel made a motion to Approve.

M. Sahoo seconded the motion.

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of July 25, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$11,797.98, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

AP ACH Numbers 9000001811 through 9000001812, totaling \$11,797.98

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of July 25, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$71,917.13, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids

are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

Warrant Numbers 101961 through 101975, totaling \$22,085.27

AP ACH Numbers 9000001813 through 9000001820, totaling \$49,831.86

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of July 25, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$7,250.00, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are

further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

AP ACH Numbers 9000001821 through 9000001821, totaling \$7,250.00

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of July 25, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$87,797.26, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids

are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

Warrant Numbers 101976 through 101989, totaling \$58,867.29

AP ACH Numbers 9000001858 through 9000001875, totaling \$28,929.97

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of July 25, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$279,054.67, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.  
Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public  
Direct Deposit Numbers 9000001822 through 9000001857, totaling \$151,121.10

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of June 13, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$89,201.48, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public  
Warrant Numbers 101927 through 101940, totaling \$38,337.72  
AP ACH Numbers 9000001752 through 9000001761, totaling \$50,863.76

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of June 13, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$85,038.83, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public  
Warrant Numbers 101942 through 101955, totaling \$75,443.54  
AP ACH Numbers 9000001799 through 9000001810, totaling \$9,595.29

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of June 13, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$10,368.71, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.  
Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public  
Direct Deposit Numbers 9000001751 through 9000001751, totaling \$5,174.99

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement

claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of June 13, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$285,846.54, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

Direct Deposit Numbers 9000001762 through 9000001798, totaling \$154,355.97

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of August 22, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$1,260.00, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

AP ACH Numbers 9000001876 through 9000001876, totaling \$1,260.00

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of August 22, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$21,971.21, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

AP ACH Numbers 9000001877 through 9000001881, totaling \$21,971.21

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of August 22, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$6,441.52, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

AP ACH Numbers 9000001882 through 9000001907, totaling \$6,441.52

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.

090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of August 22, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$176,256.26, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

Warrant Numbers 101994 through 102011, totaling \$66,542.03

AP ACH Numbers 9000001943 through 9000001957, totaling \$109,714.23

Payments have been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090. Those payments have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of August 22, 2023, the Board, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote, approves payments, totaling \$281,192.08, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: ACH/Warrants - Public

Direct Deposit Numbers 9000001908 through 9000001942, totaling \$151,841.67

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. SY 23/24 Scholar Handbook**

J. Thiel made a motion to Approve.

M. Sahoo seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Forde	Aye
T. Marsh	Aye
V. Hsu	Aye
R. Bembry	Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Dyal	Aye
M. Sahoo	Aye
J. Thiel	Aye
C. Peoples-Procter	Absent
M. MASON	Absent

**D. SY 23/24 Staff Handbook**

J. Thiel made a motion to Approve.

M. Sahoo seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**E. Budget 2023/24**

J. Thiel made a motion to Approve.

M. Sahoo seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Review of SY 22/23**

**A. Looking Back on SY 22/23**

Baionne provided a look back on the 2022/2023 school year, including academic update and update on student population

R. Bembry arrived at 9:50 AM.

#### **IV. Board Engagement**

##### **A. Board Member/Groups Expectations & Goals**

Board broke out into groups and update meeting cadence, set retreat dates and set 2023/2024 goals

#### **V. Academic Overview**

##### **A. Review of Education Data & Updates**

Chineka Jones previewed the RVLA academic professional development plan.

Lenny presented a video on RVLA culture and after school programs

Lenny discussed recruitment approach and system.

#### **VI. SEL Circle**

##### **A. Badgework and Appreciations**

The board conducted circle and shared appreciations

#### **VII. Finance Update**

##### **A. Investment Strategies**

Reco Bembry and Mike Dyal discussed joint strategies to link development efforts and finance.

J. Thiel left at 2:30 PM.

R. Bembry left at 2:41 PM.

#### **VIII. Basic Education Requirements Review**

##### **A. Review of the SY 23/24 Requirements for Basic Education Certification**

Baionne provided an overview of basic education certification requirements

#### **IX. Board Action Next Steps**

##### **A. Finalizing Next Steps for the Board of Directors**

Board members noted individual next steps.

#### **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 4:01 PM.



Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Sahoo

---

RVLA does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

**Civil Rights and Title IX Coordinator:** Chastity Catchings, (206) 659-0956, [chastity.catchings@myrvla.org](mailto:chastity.catchings@myrvla.org), 6020 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118.

**504 Coordinator:** (RVLA): Chastiy Catchings, (206) 659-0956, [chastity.catchings@myrvla.org](mailto:chastity.catchings@myrvla.org), 6020 Rainier Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98118