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Rainier Valley Leadership Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

June

Date and Time

Tuesday June 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Location

RVLA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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In Person Option: 6020 Rainier Ave S. Seattle, WA 98118

Directors Present

E. Forde (remote), R. Bembry (remote)

Directors Absent

M. Dyal

Guests Present

B. Coleman, Keith Clark, L. Reisberg (remote), Lenny Emperado (remote), Michael Brown (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Bembry called a meeting of the board of directors of Rainier Valley Leadership Academy to order on Tuesday Jun 24, 2025 at 10:44 AM.

II. Public Testimony

A. As Needed

No public comment.

III. Consent Agenda

A.

Resolution May 27th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

E. Forde made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 05-27-25.

R. Bemby seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

M. Dyal Absent

R. Bemby Aye

E. Forde Aye

B. Resolution April 2025 Payroll & Claim Vouchers

E. Forde made a motion to Approve.

R. Bemby 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 June 24, 2025, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approves payments, totaling \$417.40, and/or voids (cancellations), totaling \$0.00. The payments and/or voids are further identified in this document.

Total by Payment Type: WIRE-PUBLIC

Wire Transfer Payments 201900237 through 201900237, totaling \$417.40

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As of June 24, 2025, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approves payments, totaling \$94,485.36, 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 102613 through 102622, totaling \$18,556.22

AP ACH Numbers 9000003425 through 9000003438, totaling \$75,929.14

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

Roll Call

M. Dyal Absent

E. Forde Aye

R. Bemby Aye

C. Resolution for New RVLA Board of Directors

E. Forde made a motion to Approve.

R. Bemby seconded the motion.

All Board Candidates have been voted to approve as new Board of Directors. Approved as new Board Members are Jesse Rhodes Jr, William Michael Brown, Tarra Michell, Troy Hayman

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

Roll Call

R. Bembry Aye

M. Dyal Absent

E. Forde Aye

Michael William Brown made was asked to make a comment. He stated that he is very excited to join the board and see what he can do for RVLA. Is looking to collaborate with other agencies to form a stronger partnership together.

IV. Mission Alignment

A. Mission Challenge-Enrollment

We are basing our budget on a lower enrollment number, so we don't over staff. Its much easier to add staff members once our enrollment grows than to have to let a staff member go. This approach will guarantee we do not over-staff. We expect more enrollment than the 102, but that is where we are starting with.

Packets & post cards going out to families who have started enrolling, but didn't finish. Many of them believe they are enrolled and don't understand they just completed an application and still need to officially apply.

Thank you Reco for connecting us to Efram (sp?) and Dr Guhad. Troy Hayman, new Board Member, is already starting to work on recruitment. Lenny Emperado is building his relationships with pre-schools. Lots of interest there.

Event this Friday Lenny is inviting everyone to. He also goes to the food bank on Wed and Fri. Rainier Beach Food Bank.

Reco Bembry will be planning a new board recruitment and onboarding event. He hopes this can happen at Umoja event. Please have it to Reco by July 9th.

B. Mission Challenge-Budget

Current budget table-reviewing with board. We are working with someone to create a schedule so we can utilize the staff the best we can, so teachers aren't just teaching one or two blocks with only a few scholars in them.

Reco would like to push an internal recruitment goal to 150 for ourselves.

We will dig into the budget more in July with quarterly benchmarks for development instead of the annual development goal. Enrollment & development our our biggest drivers.

We are also applying for the 21st Century grant for next year, which could get us a large sum of money annually for several years.

Final budget will be sent to the commission in August, 2025.

Reco-please make sure we have the budget in July, so the board can really dig in and look line by line. Would like Board Members at least 2-4 weeks to review the board before the vote.

Reco made some recommendations to Ben Spiegel to track certain things like outdoor education. He is ensuring grant outcomes match our data.

Academics we are in 10th percentile for Elementary!! MS scholars are growing at 62% and making growth goals for NWEA MAP. Grade level is lower b/c they come to RVLA so far behind, but they are growing.

V. Executive Session

A. As Needed

Not Needed

VI. Closing Items

A. Announcements

Graduation and promotion pics almost done! Elijah is finishing editing. HS is in the google drive already.

Elijah is getting married in August, so may not be able to make the August Board Meeting.

We will be following up shortly with all the new Board Members to start the onboarding process.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Reisberg

Documents used during the meeting

- Resolution May 2025 Minutes for June 2025 Mtgdocx (1).pdf
 - AP Check Summary Report with Board Certification 5.5.pdf
 - AP Check Summary Report with Board Certification 5.16.pdf
 - Payroll Check Summary with Board Certification 6.12.pdf
 - Resolution June 2025 for May 2025 Vouchers & Payments.pdf
 - Troy Hayman Resolution to approve board members.docx.pdf
 - Jesse Rhodes Jr Resolution to approve board members.docx.pdf
 - Tarra Mitchell Resolution to approve board members.docx.pdf
 - William Brown Resolution to approve board members.docx.pdf
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Rainier Valley Leadership Academy Board of Directors Meeting Agenda 6/24/25