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RePublic Schools

Minutes

December RSJ Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday December 16, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Committee Members Present

A. Green (remote), E. Phillips (remote), J. Purdum (remote), M. Tatum (remote), S. Spencer (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Gallimore (remote), J. Carter (remote), J. Thornton (remote), K. Powers (remote), K. Vernon (remote), M. Gross (remote), M. Ochoa (remote), T. Vernaci (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Tatum called a meeting of the RePublic Schools Jackson (RSJ) Committee of RePublic Schools to order on Tuesday Dec 16, 2025 at 2:02 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Purdum made a motion to approve the minutes from October RSJ Board Meeting on 10-30-25.

S. Spencer seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes

E. Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from RSJ Board Special Called Meeting on 09-12-25.

A. Green seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Mission Moment

A. Reimagine Prep's Journalism Club

Mr. Coleman shared what the Journalism Club is working on and how it elevates scholar voice and choice, connecting this back to college options and future pathways.

III. RePublic Schools Jackson (RSJ)

A. RSJ Org Health Updates

M. Tatum asked about third-grade reading progress, and Dr. Carter shared how we will have updates on this during the next iReady assessment taken in January.

J. Purdum asked about what the org is doing to attack the attendance data, and T. Vernaci named the growth that has been noted in just the few weeks, and the learnings we are having during the growth. Dr. Thornton named moves made since the last CMO Walkthroughs to address this as well, including economy of language for schools and parent partnerships. As well as sharing community resources that the Scholar Experience Team has shared to help drive attendance.

M. Tatum asked about how we are doing based on the adjusted accountability updates from MDE and Dr. Carter shared how the team has revisited the goals to match the updates.

B. RSJ Academic Updates

Dr. Carter shared updates from the mid-interim assessment data, focusing on standards mastery and growth made.

C. RSJ Financial Updates & SY27 Planning

M. Ochoa shared financial updates for FY26 for Smilow Collegiate, Smilow Prep, Revive Collegiate, and Reimagine Prep.

M. Ochoa shared a preview of SY27 planning, starting with January, with the Finance Committee, noting the gathering of input from school leaders in planning.

IV. Other Business

A. Approval of RePublic Schools Jackson Virtual, Distance, and Online Learning Policy

T. Vernaci gave context on the Virtual, Distance, and Online Learning Policy, noting how it gives us the ability to provide the option for virtual learning if needed.

A. Green made a motion to approve the RePublic Schools Jackson Virtual, Distance, and Online Learning Policy as presented.

J. Purdum seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Revive Contract Amendment

T. Vernaci gave context on how this revision allows us to revise the enrollment table to K-4th grade at Revive.

J. Purdum made a motion to approve the amended Revive Contract Amendment enrollment table as presented.

E. Phillips seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Reimagine's Contract Amendment

T. Vernaci gave context on how this enrollment table is more aligned to enrollment trends we are seeing.

A. Green made a motion to approve the amended Reimagine Contract Amendment enrollment table as presented.

S. Spencer seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. 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 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Green

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