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**The RISE Schools
Governance Board Meeting
July 17, 2024**

Document Preparation Information

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Meeting Information

Date July 17, 2024	Start Time 6:00 PM	Location: Grammar Gymnasium	Teleconference Details +1 601-680-7192 Access Code: 807 588 676#
Meeting Objectives: Board Meeting			
Called by: Ms. Lara Sterling, Board Chair	Email Address lsterling.board@theriseschools.org	Phone (404) 669-8060	

Attendees

Board Members: Desmond Hardy, Dr. Camelle Simmons, Lara Sterling, Tanisha Taylor Jones, Dr. Andrea Crenshaw

Staff and Community Members: Frederick Stamper, Tamarre T. Pierre, Jewel Adesola, Tiffany Cook, J.T. Folson, Joy Huguley, Terrence Washington, Tajee Houston, Taniesha Sledge, Dondrill McFarland and Gregg Stevens

<p>Call To Order</p> <p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Approval of Board Minutes June 17 2024 (Board Meeting)</p> <p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Call to Order: 6:11 pm</p> <p>Board Chair Lara amended the July 17 agenda to move the Board Chair Report to the end of the meeting and move the Public Comment to the top of the agenda. Desmond Hardy moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Tanisha Taylor Jones.</p> <p>Board Chair Lara stated that meeting minutes from June 26 will be available for approval at the next board meeting. Desmond Hardy moved to approve June meeting minutes at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Tanisha Taylor Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Frederick Stamper made a public comment</p>	<p>Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include</i></p> <p>Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include</i></p>
<p><u>Board Chair Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p><u>Executive Director Report:</u> There is currently no Executive Director at this time.</p>		
<p><u>Principals Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Harden gave an update on the current school enrollment as well as an update on staffing for the upcoming school year. • Reported on new guidelines for all new teachers and presented a new pay scale for 12 month employees and leadership team. Guidelines will be overseen by Cook and Harden which includes Gace support, Ethics Training and Degree certifications. • Presented update language to be included in the Employee Handbook • Introduced new app Pick My Screen that will be used to aid with daily dismissal 		
<p><u>Facilities Director Report:</u> Mr Harden reported that First Student will continue to serve as the transportation provider for the 2024-2025 school year. Two additional stops will be included in this years transportation plans.</p>		
<p><u>Finance Director Report:</u> Mr. Washington presented an overview of the financials and presented on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. July 2024 Financial Update b. New funding for the upcoming school year will arrive July 31 c. Communicated that starting in Aug. expenditure reports will be provided alongside the monthly expense reports. d. Audit Updates e. Advised that the budget be revisited and amended in Nov/Dec. 		
<p><u>Consent Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve 2024-2025 pay scales as presented was made by D. Hardy and seconded by Tanisha Taylor Jones • Motion to approve 2024-2025 handbook as presented to represent the 	<p>Vote: 5-0 <i>*Vote does not include</i></p>	

additional language to include GA certification language was made by Tanisha Taylor Jones and seconded by Desmond Hardy.		Vote: 5-0 *Vote does not include
Executive Session	A motion to close the open session and enter into executive session at 7:22 was made by D. Hardy and seconded by TTJ.	Vote: 5-0 *Vote does not include
Recommendations from Executive Session		
Adjournment	<p>A motion to adjourn the executive session meeting at 8:00 PM and enter back into general open session was made by TTJ and seconded by D. Hardy. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board members.</p> <p>A motion to close the general session meeting was made by D. Hardy and seconded by TTJ. The motion passed by unanimous vote of board members at 8:01pm</p> <p>*Next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on August 21.</p>	Vote: 5-0