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## Mission

RFK Charter School prepares, motivates, and supports students to achieve their college and career goals.

in partnership with their families and the community.

**Governance Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 23, 2024**

**4:30 p.m.**

RFK Governance Council President, Mark Walch called a regular Governance Council Meeting on January 23, 2025. The time was 4:36 p.m.

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mark Walch, President

April Gallegos, Secretary

Bob Edgar, Member

**ZOOM:**

Carlos Cabarellos, Vice President

LaNika Bullington, Member

Aaron Arellano, MS Principal

Kara Sanchez, HS Principal

**ABSENT (excused):**

Lawrence Barela, Treasurer

**QUORUM:**

Yes

**STAFF:**

Robert Baade,

Irene Sanchez

Linda Sanchez

**GUESTS:**

Humphrey Serid, SWEPT Career Navigator

Alex Bazaan, Delta New Mexico (Zoom)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

RFK GC Member Bob Edgar makes a motion to accept the January 23, 2025, Meeting Agenda with moving “The Executive Session” to the end of the meeting. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous, “Yes” vote and no one opposing. Agenda is accepted and carried out. The “Executive Session” will take place at the end of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 19, 2024:**

RFK GC Secretary, April Gallegos made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2024. RFK GC Member Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous, “Yes” vote and no one opposing. Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2024, are accepted and carried out.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

Humphrey Serid from SWEPT is a Career Navigator and is present. He mentions he has had an interest in observing a meeting. RFK GC members were appreciative of his presence.

**ED SEARCH UPDATE:**

Alex Bazaan with Delta Management Group joined the RFK GC meeting via Zoom to review details regarding hiring an Executive Director for Robert F Kennedy Charter School. Alex mentions that she wants

**PED SITE VISIT:**

Linda Sanchez (Instructional Coach) presented to the RFK GC members a summary of PED’S Site Visit on January 13, 2025. Some of the folks in attendance included Robert Baade (RFK ED), Linda Sanchez (RFK Staff), Aaron Arellano (RFK MS Principal), Kara Sanchez (RFK HS Principal), Pete Ciurczak (RFK Dean of Students), Cindy O’Niell (Community Involvement / Student Success Coordinator), Joseph Escobedo (District Reviewer / Reflection Monitor), and Elizabeth Scharrer (Content Representative).

Linda Sanchez briefed the GC on NM School Dash data, BOY FY’ 24 and MOY FY’ 25 reading and math data. Then she shared the RFKCS Tentative Graduates 24-25 list that shows 62 graduates. Next, RFK Charter High School Schedule Semester two teacher calendar. Lastly, the GC members were given Attendance Summary by Grade data for dates 08/07/2024 to 01/08/2025. Which would equal to 91 school days.

LEA Leader Joseph Escobedo submits his Summary of Findings-MOY School Improvement and Transformation Monitoring Visit Summary Report. His comments give a sense of respect. Mr. Escobedo states, “The school has embraced its NM Vistas areas of concern and ultimately get of designation. The entire school is actively contributing to the implementation of this plan.”

RFK GC member Bob Edgar expresses that the data given shows growth. The rest of the GC members were thankful for the data and expressed appreciation to Linda for providing this information.

**RFK MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGHSCHOOL REPORT:**

RFK High School Principal, Kara Sanchez submitted a report, and it is attached to these minutes.

RFK Middle School Principal, Aaron Arellano submitted a report, and it is attached to these minutes.

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY’ 24:**

RFK Business Manager, Irene Sanchez reports on the Audited Financial Statements for FY’ 24. She is proud to say nothing is in “noncompliance” and the RFK is now back to green.

The GC members give credit to Irene and Robert for working hard to get this handled and appreciate all that they do.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024:**

RFK GC Member LaNika Bullington made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report for December 2024. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Finance Committee Report for December 2024 is accepted and carried out.

RFK Treasurer Lawrence Barela submitted a report, and it is attached to these minutes.

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2024:**

RFK GC Member LaNika Bullington made a motion to approve the Cash Disbursements for December 2024 for $600,877,77. RFK GC President, Mark Walch seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Cash Disbursements for December 2024 are accepted and carried out.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION, STUDENT ENROLLMENT BUDGET:**

RFK GC President, Mark Walch will update the group if February 15, 2025, will be the date to meet for a Strategic Planning Session.

**RFK GC PRESIDENT MARK WALCH MOTIONS TO BREAK INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION. RFK GC SECRETARY APRIL GALLEGOS SECONDED THE MOTION. GC MEMBERS WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:14PM.**

**RFK GC PRESIDENT MARK WALCH MOTIONS TO BREAK OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. GC SECRETARY SECONDED THE MOTION. EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSES AT 6:24PM.**

RFK GC President Mark Walch declares the Executive session has ended and Roll Call was conducted. RFK GC President then states, “Nothing was discussed in the Executive Session and nothing was discussed that was not related to personnel.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

RFK Charter School Executive Director, Robert Baade submitted a report, and it is attached to these minutes.

**Adjourn**:

RFK GC member, Bob Edgar, makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With an unanimous “Yes” vote and unanimous “Yes” vote and no one opposing. GC President Mark Walch adjourns the meeting at 6:37 pm.

**Next meeting:**

February 21, 2025

**Minutes by:**

RFK GC Board Secretary, April Gallegos

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***Governance Council Secretary Signature***

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