

**MINUTES**  
**RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc.**

*The Board of Directors of RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, June 26, 2023, from 5:00-6:15 pm. The meeting was held by Zoom video.*

**ATTENDEES:**

**Board Members:**

NAME OF DIRECTOR	TITLE (IF ANY)	PRESENT IN PERSON	PRESENT BY TELEPHONE/VIDEO	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Kwan Graham*	Board Chair		X	
Crawford Crenshaw*	Board Vice-Chair		X	
Annette Corona*	Board Secretary		X	
Willette Morman*	Trustee		X	
Tucker Mann*	Board Treasurer		X	
Lauren Vance*	Trustee			X
Andrew Lakis	Trustee		X	
Dexter Herbert	Trustee		X	
Lynette Aytch	Trustee			X
Spencer Robertson	Trustee		X	
Taylor Dewberry	Trustee		X	

\*Indicates members of the Executive Committee

Please note: Other Board Trustees are welcome to attend all Executive Committee meetings, but not required to.

**Staff and Other Attendees Present:**

NAME	TITLE (IF ANY)	PRESENT IN PERSON	PRESENT BY TELEPHONE/ VIDEO	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Dawn Arthur	Executive Director		X	
Martin Aurelian	Director of Finance			X

**MEETING ITEMS:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Kwan Graham determined that the meeting was duly noticed that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present or who signed up for public comment.

**3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES & CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Willette Morman to pass the meeting minutes for the March and May 2023 Executive Committee meetings, it was seconded by Kwan Graham and unanimously approved.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Dawn Arthur started her update by introducing the newly hired Principal Jason Jowers. Ms. Arthur provided an overview of Mr. Jower's credentials and discussed his plan for onboarding and starting at the school.

Ms. Arthur then led an overview on academic testing, enrollment, and attrition. Ms. Arthur also discussed the updated organization chart with Principal Jower's role, as well as current openings.

#### **5. FINANCE UPDATE**

An update on the school financials and the building needs were shared. Ms. Arthur discussed the building loan refinance and the solar project. She also provided the 2023-24 budget assumptions.

Tucker Mann also discussed a few items that the Financial Committee discussed and will be finalizing, such as prioritization of a few capital projects, refining the large list of priorities and identification of funding for those projects.

#### **6. Committee Updates**

No other committee updates were provided.

#### **7. Action Items**

The following action items were voted on.

- 1) A motion was made by Tucker Mann to authorize Executive Director Dawn Arthur to sign the NC Solar now proposal, it was seconded by Dexter Hebert. Crawford Crenshaw recused himself from the vote, based on his previous relationship with the company. The motion was passed unanimously by all other board members in attendance.
- 2) A motion was made by Crawford Crenshaw to authorize Executive Director Dawn Arthur to submit federal fun applications on behalf of RISE, it was seconded by Annette Corona and unanimously approved by the board.
- 3) The following motion was made by Wilette Morman, "The Board agree to refinance the Rise Southeast Raleigh Charter School bank loan and authorizes RISE Board Chair Kwan Graham and RISE Foundation Board President David Ennis to sign on behalf of the school." The motion was seconded by Dexter Hebert and unanimously approved.

## **8. Announcements**

No board meeting will be held in July.

Kwan Graham will send a full calendar of board meetings for the 2023 - 2024 school year for board review.

Hold August for potential Board workshop.

Respectfully submitted:

*Annette Corona*

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Approved on July 14, 2023

Kwan Graham, President