

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

*The Board of Directors of RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, September 25, 2023, from 5:00-6:40 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	
Jason Jowers	Principal		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 first meeting of the 2023-24 school year to order.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 2023 meeting minutes were approved via email in July 2023.

### **4. PRINCIPAL INTRODUCTION**

The board was formally introduced to the new Principal of RISE Jason Jowers. Principal Jowers provided an brief overview of how things have taken shape during the launch of the school and the goals he has set for this school year.

### **5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Dawn Arthur provided an update on enrollment and attendance, class size and attrition. Ms. Arthur provided an overview of the 22-23 EoGs and how the school fared. Though the school achievement scores were lower than hoped, the school “met” growth. Leadership has lofty goals to increase growth significantly and raise the school performance grade. She also provided information on academic comparable in elementary and middle school.

#### Academic Takeaways

- Growth Scores are comparable, or better, across peer schools
- Proficiency gaps are wide
- Potential “Low Hanging Fruit”
  - Re-test ‘cusp’ scholars after EoGs
  - Improve results in 8th (from 10% proficiency)
  - Improve Science Results in 5th Grade (8th was >50%)

Ms. Arthur provided an update on RISE faculty and Staff and structure.

The recent action by the NC General Assembly regarding the Parent Bill of Rights was discussed and the board will take action at the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Kwan Graham to opt into the North Carolina Paid Parental Leave Policy. The motion was seconded by Andrew Lakis and approved unanimously by the board.

Ms. Arthur ended her report with an overview of the “Big Rock Goals “for 2023- 2025.

- RISE earns a ‘C’ and obtains a 7-10 year charter renewal.
- RISE develops pathways for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to achieve beyond our school.
- RISE plans and programs become permanent.
- RISE becomes a critical asset within the Southeast Raleigh Community.

### **5. FINANCE UPDATE**

None provided.

### **6. Committee Updates**

No other committee updates were provided.

Respectfully submitted:

*Annette Corona*

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Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Kwan Graham, President