

MINUTES
RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc.

The Executive Committee of the RISE Board of Directors Executive Committee of Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, January 22, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 pm. The meeting was held by Zoom video and in-person at the AJ Fletcher Foundation offices.

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

Crawford Crenshaw determined that the meeting was duly noticed that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tucker Mann made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, it was seconded from Willette Morman. No members were opposed and the motion passed unanimously.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Dawn Arthur provided updates on the following:

- Charter Renewal
- Finance
- Strategic Plan
- Policies
- In February: Cohorts at a Glance & School Impact

Charter Renewal

Board members are encouraged to attend the Renewal Sit visit on March 5th between 9 – 10:30am. The school will provide a school tour, has set meetings with Committees and there will be a Renewal Team Q&A.

Finance

There will be a finance committee meeting in February to discuss the 23-24 budget, plan for 24-26 budget process and provide an update on facilities and fundraising. Ms. Arthur also discussed the finance priorities, which include:

- Cash positive and clean audits in 2023-24 (Renewal)
- Multi-year, sustainable financial modeling
- Identifying capital needs and strategy

Strategic Plan

Principal Jowers has rolled out the draft strategic plan to staff to request feedback. Family and Board engagement is requested. March town halls are planned for family engagement and feedback. Board discussions are slated for 2/5 & 2/7 with the goal of approving the strategic plan by June 2024.

Policies

Board action was taken on the Parent Bill of Rights. A motion to approve the new Parent Bill of Rights was made by Kwan Graham, seconded by Lauren Vance and was unanimously approved.

This will be added to the RISE Handbook, parents will be notified, and it will be available on the RISE website.

Board action was deferred until February on the Admissions & Enrollment policies.

Board action was taken on the RISE Lottery Application. A motion to approve the Lottery Application policies as they stand was made by Lauren Vance, seconded by Tucker Mann and unanimously approved by the board. Dawn Arthur also shared the Charter Renewal Self-Study with the Board.

5. Committee Updates

The Finance Committee will meet in the first two weeks of February: date TBD.

There may be an Education Committee meeting in February, more details to follow.

Crawford Crenshaw provided a brief update on the Southeast Raleigh Charter School Foundation, advising that the Foundation Board recently met under the leadership of David Ennis.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Corona

Approved on February 26, 2024
Kwan Graham, President