

MINUTES
RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc.

The Board of Directors of RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, August 24, 2026, for the Annual Board Retreat. The meeting was held by Google Meet.

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		
Lauren Vance*	Trustee		X	
Andrew Lakis	Trustee	X		
Dexter Herbert	Trustee			X
Spencer Robertson	Trustee		X	
Craig Herb	Trustee	X		

*Indicates members of the Executive Committee

Please note: Other Board Trustees are welcome to attend all Executive Committee meetings but are 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
Kristen Blackwell	Dir of Operations			X
Martin Aurelian	Dir of Finance	X		
Kandi Hall	Family and Community Engagement Coordinator		X	
Tray Willis	Parent		X	

MEETING ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Kwan Graham determined that the meeting was duly noticed and called the meeting to order at 3:22 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A parent was present on the call but did not sign up for Public Comment.

3. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES & CONSENT AGENDA

Crawford Crenshaw moved to approve the consent agenda below. Andrew Lakis seconded the motion, and the board passed it unanimously.

- June Board Meeting Minutes
- Federal Consolidated Application
- Family Engagement Plan
- COI & Nepotism
- Grievance Policy
- Capitalization Policy

4. 2026 BOARD RETREAT RECAP

Before the General Board meeting, the Board held its annual retreat at the school, where they experienced RISE by enjoying the new Scratch Kitchen lunch alongside staff and scholars and received a tour of the building and school grounds. Board members received a State of the School presentation, which provided a high-level school update, followed by conversations and Q&A with school leaders. The Board also covered general business, including discussions around roles and expectations and committee structure.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Dawn Arthur began the meeting by discussing the evolution, requests, and needs of the Board of Directors. A Board binder with accompanying materials will be available for distribution.

Service is Active, Reliable, and Mission-Aligned.

- Prepare
- Serve
- Give & Rise
- Open Doors
- Protect Trust

Kwan Graham stated that each board member should be active on one committee.

Committees are Finance (Crawford Crenshaw, Chair), Governance (Kwan Graham, Chair), and Development (Craig Herb, Chair)

Three lenses to keep the Board focused were shared:

- School Dashboard: to track RISE impact on scholars
- Organizational Health Dashboard: to track sustainability
- Strategy and Growth: to identify future pathways that best protect the RISE mission and impact

Kwan asked that the Why Do You Serve on the RISE Board be sent to Dawn for later reflection.

Board members were asked to consider how they will support the mission and which areas to support further in the following categories.

- Committee Service
- Giving & Introductions
- Advocacy & Presence

Kwan Graham adjourned the meeting at 3:56 pm.

6. Committee Updates

No committee updates.

7. New Business

No new business.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Corona

Approved on September 21st, 2026

Annette Corona, Secretary