MINUTES
RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc.

The Board of Directors of RISE Southeast Raleigh Charter School, Inc. met on Monday, September 21, 2026. 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

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 4:04 pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present, or who signed 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.

- August Meeting Minutes
- School Mental Health
- Parent Bill of Rights

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Dawn Arthur began the meeting by reviewing our general meeting format: Meeting Opening, School Dashboard, and General Board business. We will use two dashboards: the School Dashboard and the Organizational Health Dashboard. The third priority lens will focus on Strategy & Growth.

School Dashboard

Headlines: One of the strongest school starts ever, with room yet to improve: routines and enrollment are strong.
Areas to watch: Capacity for coaching, data dives, prep; food program sustainability
Board support needed: Raise funds for major projects and growth. Organizational sustainability.

Priority measures: our academic starting place is still functionally the same as last year. Data from last year to this year – attrition, academic – is the same in terms of our starting place.

- iReady Goals – identified
- Average Attendance – good
- Chronic Absences – high for the first 6 weeks of school
- Annual Attrition – higher than our target
- Teacher Arc performance – is steady meeting three of the four identified goals
- Breakfast/Lunch participation – is strong

School Report Cards & Outcomes, 25-26

- RISE maintained a C performance score. The school met expected growth.

Ms. Arthur shared trend data in Achievement and Growth scores across three cohorts: like-minded charter schools, local elementary schools, and local middle schools. Discussion was had around the data shared.

General Board Business

Board Service is Active, Reliable, and Mission-Aligned

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

Board Committees Include: Finance (Crawford Crenshaw, Chair), Governance (Kwan Graham, Chair), and Development (Craig Herb, Chair)

Kwan Graham reminded board members that their participation on committees is encouraged. Reach out to Ms. Arthur to be added to a committee if not already participating in one.

Three ways board members can help

- Volunteer at lunch
- Become a Book Buddy
- Donate Gift Cards

Kwan Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.

5. Committee Updates

No committee updates.

6. New Business

No new business.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette P. Corona
Approved on October 26, 2026
Annette Corona, Secretary