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## Mission

RFK Charter School prepares, motivates, and supports students to achieve their college and career goals.

in partnership with their families and the community.

**Governance Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**4:30 p.m.**

RFK Governance Council President Mark Walch called a regular Governance Council Meeting on March 27, 2025. The time was 4:38 p.m.

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mark Walch, President

April Gallegos, Secretary

Lawrence Barela, Treasurer

Bob Edgar, Member

**ZOOM:**

LaNika Bullington, Member

**ABSENT:**

Carlos Caballero

**QUORUM:**

Yes

**STAFF:**

Robert Baade,

Irene Sanchez

Aaron Arellano

Cindy O’Neill

**GUESTS:**

RFK Students

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Barbara Baca, RFK Parent

Michelle Starns, John Hopkins University

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela makes a motion to accept the March 27, 2025, Meeting Agenda. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote. “Yes” and no one opposing. The Agenda for March 27, 2025, is accepted and carried out.

**APPROVAL OF FEBUARY 27, 2025, MEETING MINUTES:**

RFK GC Member Bob Edgar makes a motion to approve February 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes with the addition of the Executive Director’s Report attached. RFK GC Treasurer seconded the motion with a unanimous, “Yes” vote and no one opposing. February 27. 2025 Meeting Minutes are accepted and carried out.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

RFK GC President Mark Walch announces that there are two guests for Public Comment.

1. RFK Parent: Brenda Baca introduces herself and had to get clarification regarding an issue that her and her daughter have run into. Brenda had exchanged contact information with RFK ED and mentions how she appreciates the space to be heard.
2. Michelle Starnes with John Hopkins University and RFK Students share an example of what they will be presenting on their upcoming trip to Washington DC.

**GRADUATION-FY’25:**

Executive Director, Robert Baade reports Graduation numbers for 2024 – 2025.

**RFK MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT:**

RFK Middle School Principal, Aaron Arellano presented the RFK Middle School Report. The report is attached to these minutes.

RFK High School Principal, Kara Sanchez submitted the RFK High School Report. The report is attached to these minutes.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

RFK ED Robert Baade updated the RFK GC on the 2025 Legislative Session.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FEBUARY 2025:**

RFK GC Treasurer, Lawrence Barela, reports on the Finance Committee Report for February 2025.

RFK GC Secretary, April Gallegos makes a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report for February

2025. RFK GC Member, LaNika Bullington seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Finance Committee Report for February 2025 is accepted and carried out.

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBUARY 2025:**

RFK GC Treasurer, Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve Cash Disbursements for February 2025 for $694,489.95. RFK GC Member, Bob Edgar, seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Cash Disbursements are accepted and carried out.

**BARS:**

RFK GC Treasurer, Lawrence Barela makes a motion to approve BAR# 001-051-2424-0047-I, Fund 28133-YCC. RFK GC President, Mark Walch, seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. BAR is accepted and carried out.

**BUDGET FOR FY’26**

RFK Business Manager, Irene Sanchez and RFK ED Robert Baade imposed a request to have the ability to make changes to the budget so Irene could submit to APS and have the adjustments reflected at the next RFK GC meeting.

RFK GC Member, LaNika Bullington made a motion to accept the Budget for FY’26 with permission granted to Irene Sanchez and Robert Baade to have the ability to make changes to the budget and report at the next RFK GC Meeting. RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Budget for FY’26 is accepted and carried out.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FY’26:**

RFK Member, LaNika Bullington made a motion to approve the School Calendar for FY’26. RFK GC Member, Bob Edgar, seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Calendar for FY’26 is accepted and carried out.

**TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FY’26:**

RFK GC Secretary, April Gallegos made a motion to accept the Teacher Salary Schedule for FY’26. RFK GC Member, LaNika Bullington seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Teacher Salary Schedule for FY’26 is accepted and carried out.

**TITLE 1 FUNDING FOR FY’26**

RFK GC President, Mark Walch made a motion to accept the Title 1 Funding for FY’26. RFK GC Member Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Title 1 Funding for FY’26 is accepted and carried out.

**ED SEARCH UPDATE:**

RFK GC President Mark Walch updates RFK GC Members about the ongoing search for an Executive Director. RFK Hiring Committee will meet with staff to go over the process to give complete transparency of the hiring process. The date will be April 7, 2025, at 3 pm. Location will be in the HS cafeteria.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

RFK Charter School Executive Director, Robert Baade sent a report, and it is attached to these minutes.

**HOUSE KEEPING**:

None currently.

**ADJOURN:**

RFK GC Secretary, April Gallegos makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. RFK GC member, Bob Edgar, seconded the motion. With a unanimous, “Yes” vote and no one opposing. Meeting is adjourned at 6:32pm.

**Next meeting:**

TBD

**Minutes by:**

RFK GC Board Secretary, April Gallegos

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***Governance Council Secretary Signature***

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