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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, July 24, 2025**

**4:30 p.m.**

RFK Governance Council President Mark Walch called a Regular Meeting on July 24, 2025. The time was 4:35 p.m.

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mark Walch, President

April Gallegos, Secretary

Lawrence Barela, Treasurer

Bob Edgar, Member

LaNika Bullington, Member

Kristi Bechdol, Member

**ZOOM:**

None

**ABSENT:**

Carlos Cabarellos, Vice President

**QUORUM:**

Yes

**STAFF:**

Robert Baade

Holly Gurule

Irene Sanchez

Aaron Arellano

**GUESTS:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve the Agenda for July 24, 2025.

RFK GC Member LaNika Bullington seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Agenda for July 24, 2025, is approved.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES and SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES for JUNE 12, 2025**

RFK GC Member LaNika Bullington made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 26, 2025. RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. With a,” Yes” vote and no one opposing. Meeting Minutes for June 26, 2025, are approved.

RFK Member, LaNika Bullington made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2025. RFK Treasurer Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. With a, “Yes” vote and no one opposing. Special Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2025, are approved.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

RFK GC President Mark Walch did not have anyone for “Public Comment.”

**VOTE IN A BOARD MEMBER**

RFK GC President Mark Walch made a motion to approve Kristi Bechdol to serve on the RFK Charter School Governance Council. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote “Yes” and no one opposing. RFK GC Members approved new member Kristi Bechdol to serve on the RFK Charter School Governance Council.

Welcome Kristi!

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION - CHARTER RENEWAL:**

RFK GC President Mark Walch made a motion to approve August 16, 2025, as the date for a Strategic Planning Session. RKF GC member, Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous, vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. A Strategic Planning Session will take place on August 16, 2025.

**90-DAY MRI PLAN REVIEW:**

RFK GC members reviewed the 90 – Day MRI Plan with newly elected RFK ED Holly Gurule, as well as the current ED, Robert Baade, and RFK Principal Aaron Arellano.

**APPROVAL OF MRI BUDGET F0R FY’26:**

RFK GC members reviewed the MRI Budget with newly elected RFK ED Holly Gurule, as well as the current ED, Robert Baade, and RFK Principal Aaron Arellano. RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The MRI Budget for FY’ 26 is approved.

**NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

RFK GC Members had a discussion with ED Holly Gurule and RFK Principal Aaron Arellano about the new graduation requirements.

**BACK TO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (8/1/25 – 8/6/25)**

RFK Ed Holly Gurule let the RFK GC members know of the “Back to School Professional Development Week.” The invitation was appreciated and members that can make it will do their best to accommodate August 1, 2025, and/or August 6, 2025.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JUNE 2025**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report for June 2025.

RFK GC Member Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes,” and no one opposing. The Finance Committee Report for June 2025 was approved.

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 2025:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve Cash Disbursements for June 2025 for $3,103,184.19

RFK GC Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes,” and no one opposing. Cash Disbursements for June 2025 were approved.

**BARS:**

No Bars to report.

**BULK PURCHASING POLICY:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve the Bulk Purchasing Policy. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Bulk Purchasing Policy is approved and signed by all RFK GC Members that were in attendance.

**LEASE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION – FY’26:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve the Lease Assistance Application for FY’26. RFK GC member Lanika Bullington seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. The Lease Assistance Application for FY’ 26 is approved.

**INVENTORY FY’25:**

RFK GC Treasurer Lawrence Barela made a motion to approve the Inventory for FY’ 25. RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Inventory for FY’ 25 is approved.

**DISPOSAL OF ASSETS:**

RFK GC Secretary April Gallegos made a motion to approve the Disposal of Assets. RFK GC President Mark Walch seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. Disposal of Assets are approved.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

RFK Charter School Executive Director, Robert Baade submitted his last report as RFK’ ED. He states, “RFK will celebrate the twenty fifth graduating class in May of 2026.” Mr. Baade expresses his enthusiasm and is going to support any and everything that is needed to have a smooth and successful transition. He will be spending more time focusing on construction and property acquisition projects, writing grants to support operating budgets, development of CTE pathways and working closely with Irene on contract budgets as things progress. Mr. Baade also reminds the GC that the budget is based on projected enrollment of 360 students. To be reported on the 40, 80 and 120 days. Lastly, without a doubt Mr. Baade is confident in the direction of the leadership at RFK and will serve at the pleasure of the GC.

This meeting will be the 324th Governance Council meeting that Mr. Baade has been in attendance with. The RFK GC thanked Mr. Baade for his service.

**HOUSE KEEPING**, **TRAINING HOURS, COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Irene Sanchez let the GC know of the upcoming audit in early September.

**ADJOURN:**

RFK President Mark Walch makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. RFK GC Member Bob Edgar seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, “Yes” and no one opposing. RFK GC President Mark Walch adjourns the RFK GC Regular Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

August 28, 2025

**Minutes by:**

RFK GC Board Secretary, April Gallegos

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***Governance Council Secretary Signature***

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