

Rocketship Public Schools National Board of Directors Meeting (2024-25 Q1) - Day 1 (Wednesday, August 28, 2024)
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1. Opening Items

A. Call to order

At 12:04pm, Mr. Jordan took roll call. With a quorum of board members present, Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order.
Present: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan
Absent: Charmaine Detweiler, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Mike Fox

Additional Attendees: Peter Philpott (advisor)

B. Public comment on off-agenda items

At 12:05pm, Mr. Jordan called for public comment on off-agenda items. No members of the public provided comment.

2. Consent Items

A. Approve minutes from the June 13, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Ratify the appointment of Deborah McGriff and Loren Morris to the Rocketship Wisconsin Board of Trustees

C. Adopt the 2024-25 El Dorado Charter Special Education Local Plan Area, Section B, for all CA schools

D. Approve Submission of Form J-13A

At 12:06pm, Mr. Sisnett made a motion to approve the consent items. This motion was seconded by Ms. Nwabara, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

N: --

Abstain: --

3. Information Items

A. Regional Board Guest Introductions

At 12:07pm, information item 3(A) was presented. No action was taken.

B. Board Updates (CEO, Board Chair, Committee Chairs, Executive Directors and Development)

At 12:11pm, information item 3(B) was presented. No action was taken.

C. 2023-24 Student Achievement Recap and 2024-25 Plan

At 12:46pm, information item 3(C) was presented. No action was taken.

4. Break

At 2:30pm, the board took a break.

5. Action Items: Budget - Review and Approval

A. Approve the Revised 2024-25 Budget as recommended by the Rocketship Business Committee

At 3:00pm, the board discussed action item 5(A).

At 3:59pm, Mr. Terman made a motion to approve the action item 5(A), the Revised 2024-25 Budget. This motion was seconded by Ms. Nwabara, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

N: --

Abstain: --

6. Action Items: Finance - Review and Approval

A. Approve Revised Fiscal Policies as recommended by the Rocketship Business Committee

At 4:01pm, the board discussed action item 6(A).

At 4:03pm, Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the action item 6(A), the Revised Fiscal Policies. This motion was seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

B. Approve Resolution #2024-05 to Authorize Transition of 403(b) Vendor

At 4:03pm, the board discussed action item 6(B).

At 4:09pm, Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the action item 6(B), Resolution #2024-05 to Authorize Transition of 403(b) Vendor. This motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

N: --

Abstain: Rajen Sheth (unavailable for vote)

7. Action Items: CA School Operations - Review and Approval

A. Approve Rocketship Si Se Puede, Rocketship Alma and Rocketship Brilliant Minds Charter Renewal Petitions

At 4:10pm, the board discussed action item 7(A).

At 4:11pm, Mr. Terman made a motion to approve the action item 7(A), Rocketship Si Se Puede, Rocketship Alma and Rocketship Brilliant Minds Charter Renewal Petitions. This motion was seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

N: --

Abstain: Rajen Sheth (unavailable for vote)

B. Approve Revised School Council and Committee Policy for California Rocketship Schools

C. Approve Revised Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedures (CA)

D. Approve Updated After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Plans for all CA Schools

E. Approve Updated Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plans for all CA Schools

At 4:11pm, Ms. Mercado made a motion to approve the action items 7(B-E). This motion was seconded by Mr. Velasco, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

N: --

Abstain: Rajen Sheth (unavailable for vote)

8. Action Items: TN School Operations - Review and Approval

A. Approve Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) for all TN Schools

B. Approve TN Instructional Materials and Library Collection Policy

C. Approve TN Student Educational Record Policy

D. Approve Applications to TN Authorizers for Material Revisions to Charters of: Rocketship Dream Community Prep, Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary, and Rocketship United Academy

At 4:13pm, Ms. Taylor made a motion to approve the action items 8(A-D). This motion was seconded by Mr. Sisnett, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

9. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation 2 Cases - Knox vs RSED and V.R. et. al. vs RSED - Code § 54956.9.

At 4:14pm, Ms. Sloter made a motion to move to Closed Session. This motion was seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Derwin Sisnett, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

At 4:26pm, Mr. Sisnett left the meeting.

10. Agenda Items

A. Public report on actions taken in closed session

At 4:41pm, Mr. Jordan called the open session back to order and reported that no actions were taken on item 9(A) during the closed session.

11. Adjourn

At 4:42pm, Mr. Velasco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deb McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, June Nwabara, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

N: --

Abstain: --