

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2024

REACH Leadership STEAM Academy -

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Meeting Location:

**3422 Rustin Ave.
Riverside, CA 92507**

Open Session - 6:30 p.m.

REACH LSA GOVERNING BOARD:

Trayci Nelson - President

Carla Crow - Vice President
Ahlam Gheith - Member
Jennifer Boren - Member
Angel Braach - Member
Patricio Perez - Member
Ashleigh Reid - Member
Maria Maness - Member

MISSION STATEMENT

REACH Leadership STEAM Academy is a college preparatory elementary school which is dedicated to bridging the socioeconomic, racial, and digital divide for underserved youth. Our dedicated and highly trained teaching staff is committed to preparing our students for success in college and equipping them to meet the demands of a global society. We are committed to developing confident, articulate leaders who will use their life experiences and education to create positive changes in their own lives and within their communities and beyond.

OUR PROGRAM

REACH's research-based curriculum is Common Core ready. We use thoroughly researched strategies with proven success records to guide instruction. Our core curriculum addresses the whole child and is designed to meet their individual needs. Students are taught at their instructional level giving every student universal access. REACH is a STEM + Art focused school with an increased emphasis in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math. Our Core Curriculum includes Language Arts, Mathematics, History & Social Science, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Global Literacy.

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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GENERAL SESSION

1. Housekeeping and Procedural Announcements
 - 1.1. **Announcements:**
 - 1.1.1. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@reachroyals.org; (2) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment, or (3) fill out a public comment card before the start of the meeting (in-person meetings only). Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, the submission deadline for session items shall be no later than noon the day of the scheduled board meeting. Individual written public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda or non agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each agenda item, including communications and organizational reports, to 15 minutes in length. With Board consent, the board president may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public comment, depending on the topic and the number of written public comments.
 - 1.1.2. **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Should the meeting encounter any security breach or an inappropriate issue, the meeting shall be ended immediately and rescheduled as soon as practical.
2. Call to Order

2.1. Meeting is called to order at: 6:32 p.m.

Member Name	Present	Absent
Jennifer Boren	X	
Angel Braach	X	
Carla Crow	X	
Ahlam Gheith		X
Maria Maness		X
Trayci Nelson	X	
Patricio Perez	X	
Ashleigh Reid		X
Totals:	5	3

3. Introduction of Guests

- 3.1. Brian & Julie Slusser
- 3.2. Brittany Warren
- 3.3. Christina Gomez
- 3.4. Annette Templeton
- 3.5. Zahira Scott
- 3.6. Jean Velasco
- 3.7. Joanna Han

4. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: CC Second: JB Vote: Motion Carries

Comments and Notes:

- Agenda approved with the following changes:
 - Reports:
 - Item 8.1- added Approval of the 2022-23 SARC Report:
 - Item 8.1- Now approval of the academic calendar

5. Invitation to the Public to Address the Board

6. Reports

6.1. Discussion item: Christy White Accountants

Auditor Contract Proposal (Tax & Audit Services): On December 12, 2023, the RLSA School Board awarded the audit contract to the Cristy White Certified Public Accountant

firm for the purpose of conducting an annual audit of REACH's financial statements. The report shall include:

1. LEA Organization Structure
2. Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (if Uniform Guidance applies*)
3. Schedule of Average Daily Attendance
4. Schedule of Instructional Time
5. Reconciliation of Financial Reports – Alternative Form with Audited Financial Statements

Today's board discussion shall include length of engagement, 1-3 years.

Attachments:

[Christy White Engagement Letter](#)

Comments and Notes:

- 6.2. Director's Report- None
- Enrollment
 - Current- 653
 - Waitlist- 320
 - 2024-25 Open Enrollment began
 - Includes Middle School
 - Returning Students
 - Siblings
 - New parents
 - Lottery Date- Apr 23, 2024
 - New Hires
 - Teacher Hires
 - Perm 5th Grade ELA teacher
 - Currently have opening for 6th grade Science Teacher
 - One of our Resident Substitutes who have been with us for over 1 year is covering the 6th grade science
 - Teachers on Leave
 - Currently 3 teachers on leave of absence
 - 2 returning in February
 - 4th-grade science teacher returns in April
 - Residential Substitutes (2)
 - Trained to fill in when teachers are absent
 - Sub long term
 - Benefit is they know our scholars and know what's expected of classroom management
 - A work in progress.
 - Management in grades 4-6 continues to be a focus this year



- Interventionists (1)
 - Provide direct support in classrooms
 - Focus on scholars who are not at grade level.
 - On average 1 per grade level
 - Working to create consistency in upper-grade classrooms
 - Many of the Res Subs and interventionists in 4-6 are pulled to sub Long Term when needed
- Employees on leave
 - Teachers
 - Assistant Principal
 - Other staff
- Middle School Updates
 - Construction
 - Funding
 - Church Lease
 - Next month will identify in more detail middle school offerings
 - Prop 39
- Charter Renewal Petition
 - Final revisions made
 - Going before the RUSD for consent in February
- LCAP Mid Year report next month

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

6.3. School Accountability Report (SARC) by Yisel Marwah

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[2022-2023 SARC](#)

6.4. Financial Report by Edtec

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[FY24 Nov Dec Update - January 2024](#)

7. Approval of Consent Items

- 7.1. Minute Meetings: It is recommended that the RLSA School Board approve Meeting Minutes for December 2023.

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[December 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion: CC Second: PP Vote: Motion Carries

- 7.2. Check Registers: Is it recommended that the RLSA School Board approve November and December 2023 Check Registers:

Comments and Notes:

Attachments:

[November 2023 Check Registers](#)

[December 2023 Check Registers](#)

Motion: JB Second: CC Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Ahlam Gheith				X
Maria Maness				X
Trayci Nelson	X			
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid				X
Totals:	5			3

8. Action Items

- 8.1. Approval of the 2022-23 SARC Report: It is recommended that the RLSA Board approve the school's 22-23 School Accountability Report Card.

Attachments: See Report 6.3 above

Motion: JB

Second: PP

Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Ahlam Gheith				X
Maria Maness				X
Trayci Nelson	X			
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid				X
Totals:	5			3

8.2. Academic Calendar: It is recommended that the RLSA school board approve the revised academic calendar for the 2026-27 School Year. Per Board request, the academic calendar includes a revised draft which shows a school start date of August 17, 2026. Teachers will return on August 5, 2026. The last of the program is June 11, 2027.

Attachments:

[2026-27 Academic Calendar](#)

Motion: JB

Second: PP

Vote: Motion Carries

Member Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer Boren	X			
Angel Braach	X			
Carla Crow	X			
Ahlam Gheith				X
Maria Maness				X
Trayci Nelson	X			
Patricio Perez	X			
Ashleigh Reid				X
Totals:	5			3

9. Board Comments

9.1. Patricio - Thinks ADA a few years back was higher, interested in why it's lower now. Also interested if the 320 students on the waitlist will find spots.

10. Adjournment

10.1. Meeting adjourned at: 8:12 p.m.

Motion: JB Second: PP

Next board meeting date: February 27th, 6:15 p.m.