

**RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Minutes**

Thursday, February 09, 2023  
5:30 pm

**Board members present:** Mr. Shahriyar Mammadov (Mr. Yar), Mr. Baybars Bakay, Dr. Sakhavat Mammadov

**Staff members present:** Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, Executive Director; Cihan Ozturk, Business Manager; Sel Buyuksarac, Parent Representative

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Yar at 5:30 pm.
2. Public Remarks  
None
3. Approval of agenda items  
Motion to approve agenda items by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of last board meeting minutes  
Motion to approve the last board meeting minutes by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.
5. Approval of out-of-field teachers  
Dr. T presented the out-of-field teachers hired after Survey 2 for each campus. The majority of the teachers are in need of ESOL credits, which the School will offer in-house ESOL courses through the Shultz center to all employees.  
Motion to approve out-of-field teachers by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously
6. Approval of Capital Trust Authority Agreement, dated January 25, 2023, relating to River City Science Academy Southeast and authorize signature by Executive Director  
Dr. T. presented the agreement with Capital Trust Authority to issue the Bonds to assist the RCSA in financing or refinance, including through reimbursement for the RCSA Southeast project. The project's portion (20%) will be down payment; the remaining bond amount will not exceed \$18.5M.  
Motion to approve Capital Trust Authority Agreement and authorize signature by Executive Director by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously
7. Ratify approval of Term Sheet from Renasant Bank, dated December 21, 2022, relating to River City Science Academy Southeast and signature by Executive Director.  
Dr. T. presented the updated final term sheet from Renasant Bank. The parties are targeting the close the financing no later than the second week of March.  
Motion to ratify approval of Term Sheet from Renasant Bank and signature by Executive Director by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously

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8. Approval of mid-year budgets

Mr. Ozturk and Dr. T. presented mid-year budgets. They also shared the transfer amounts from each campus for the RCSA Southeast campus. Budgets show these transfer amounts and safety security project costs, such as fencing and canopy projects. Overall, fund balances are still looking significantly positive, and there were no outstanding issues.

Motion to approve mid-year budgets by Mr. Yar and seconded by Mr. Bakay. Approved unanimously.

9. RCSA Innovation renewal update

Dr. T. informed the Board that the DCPS board approved a 15-year contract extension to RCSA Innovation until 2038. This was an excellent accomplishment for RCSA as an organization. The contract would be signed by the end of this school year.

10. RCSA Southeast project update

Dr. T. updated the Board about the southeast campus project and shared some pictures. The city has approved the permits. The construction has started; they poured the concrete slab and will put the block walls up by the end of February. The target completion date is July 15. This construction will be identical to the Intracoastal facility.

11. School updates

Dr. T. informed the Board about school updates. All schools finished the State tests on time. The testing due to scheduling has been challenging for all schools in Florida this year. RCSA schools have completed state tests as well as internal progress monitoring tests without issues. Schools have sent intention letters to the staff to find out possible vacancies. RCSA will host a job fair for only teachers Saturday, February 11. All academic teams, Science Olympiad, Sea Perch, Math Teams, Robotics, etc. have been practicing for regional and state competitions. The schools finished the athletic season for volleyball and basketball. RCSA hosted another successful STEM and Health Expo this year. It was a great turnout; three DCPS Board members attended, including the board chair. They were very pleased with this event and recognized RCSA at their board meeting. JTA, JSO, FBI, and lots of other vendors participated. Application season has been going on smoothly for the upcoming school year; schools will hold their lotteries in timely matter at scheduled time.

12. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mr. Baybars Bakay,  
Board Secretary