

**Rockford Charter School Organization Special Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2024  
5:30 p.m.  
Sosnowski Szeto, LLP, 6735 Vistagreen Way, Ste. 300, Rockford, IL 61107  
In-Person Meeting**

1. Call to Order – at 5:30 p.m.
  - a. Present: William Cunningham, Tamir Bell, Jacob Bradt, Antonio Turner, Ricardo Montoya Picazo, Carla Redd (entered at 5:47 p.m.), Executive Director Emily Wallen, Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski
  - b. Not Present: Anisha Grimmert
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jacob Bradt and seconded by Tamir Bell.
    - i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
    - ii. Motion passed.
3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2024.
  - a. A motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2024, was made by Ricardo Montoya Picazo and seconded by Tamir Bell.
    - i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.
    - ii. Motion passed.
4. Public Comment – None.
5. New Business
  - a. Discussion on upcoming RCSO Board Meeting dates and times.
    - i. Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski explained that she wanted to check with the Board to see if there are different dates or times that may work for future board meetings, seeing that the normal meeting time has proven to be a bit difficult at times.
    - ii. William Cunningham stated that Thursdays have been an easier day to work around, but any time during the lunch hour or after work hours work better for him if there is a change or modification made to meeting times. Jacob Bradt stated that the lunch hour works best for him. Ricardo Montoya Picazo stated that his schedule depends on what is going on in his office, but he can be flexible.
    - iii. Attorney Sosnowski asked if the 11:30 a.m. time should be kept. Antonio Turner stated that the 11:30 a.m. is fine as long as he is able to join online because of his teaching in Chicago. The Board came to an agreement to keep the regular meeting time for the April meeting. Attorney Sosnowski explained that a special meeting may need to be scheduled for some months, but the meeting times can be decided based on what works best for the Board.
6. Executive Session – (if needed)
  - a. Personnel - Go into Closed Session to Review Closed Session Minutes and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific

individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

i. A motion was made to enter executive session by Jacob Bradt and seconded by Ricardo Montoya Picazo.

1. Roll Call Vote:

- a. Antonio Turner – Aye.
- b. William Cunningham – Aye.
- c. Jacob Bradt – Aye.
- d. Tamir Bell – Aye.
- e. Ricardo Montoya Picazo – Aye.

2. All ayes. Motion passed. Entered into executive session at 5:35 p.m.

ii. Carla Redd entered the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

iii. There was no motion or second to exit executive session. A roll call was taken.

1. Roll Call:

- a. Antonio Turner – Aye.
- b. William Cunningham – Aye.
- c. Jacob Bradt – Aye.
- d. Tamir Bell – Aye.
- e. Ricardo Montoya Picazo – Aye.

2. Exited executive session at 6:56 p.m.

#### 7. Adjournment

a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carla Redd and seconded by Tamir Bell.

i. Voice Vote: All members voting aye.

ii. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: April 18, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. (Meeting will be held in-person at Jackson Charter School, 315 Summit Street, Rockford, IL 61107)**