



# REGULAR MEETING OF THE RMCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

## AGENDA (Español Abajo)

**Location(s):** 3880 Cypress Drive, Suite B, Petaluma CA 94954  
6140 Old Quarry Loop Oakland, CA 94605  
22 Link Street, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

### A. Call to Order

Roll Call: Directors: Akognan, Hammons, Hautau, Lohrentz, & Matthews  
Staff: Executive Director & Superintendent Mannion

### B. RMCS Mission & Vision

*Our mission at River Montessori Charter School is to provide students with a learning culture grounded in Montessori philosophy. This historically proven educational model supports the whole child, creates lifelong learners, and educates for peace. The resulting academic excellence is supported by a prepared classroom environment that inspires self-paced, individualized discovery; a love of learning; and respect for self, others, and the environment.*

*Our vision at RMCS is to create a Montessori learning community where children are inspired to realize their academic, personal, and social potential to become global citizens.*

### C. Public Comment

*Visitors are allowed to address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on items not on the agenda for a total of 15 minutes per topic. With Board consent, the Board President may increase or decrease time allowed for public comment. The Board does not respond or take action on public comments.*

### D. Approval of Agenda

*Items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion. It is expected that board members have reviewed these agenda items prior to the meeting. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of any member of the board and acted upon separately.*

### E. Board Development

1. Board Membership

### F. Approve Minutes:

2. June 17, 2023
3. June 28, 2023
4. July 25, 2023 (No Quorum in Attendance, No Meeting)

### G. Communications:

1. Executive Director's Report
2. Finance Report
3. River Montessori Foundation Report
4. Marketing Report
5. Facilities Report

### H. Items for Board Consideration:

1. Discussion & Action: Employee Handbook

- 2. Discussion & Action: Community Handbook
- 3. Discussion & Action: Commitment to Community Wellness & Consistent Student Attendance
- 4. Discussion & Action: Homeless Education Policy & Housing Questionnaire
- 5. Discussion & Action: 403(b) Plan Contribution
- 6. Discussion & Action: CDE- One-Year Extension of Charter Year Terms, RMCS through June 2027
- 7. Discussion & Action: Universal Prekindergarten Planning & Implementation Grant

**I. Future Agenda Items**

**J. Adjournment**

**Notices:**

**Future Meeting Date(s):** August 9, 2023, September 13, 2023, October 13, 2023, November 7, 2023, December 13, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 14, 2024, March 13, 2024, April 17, 2024, May 8, 2023, June 26, 2024

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**Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Members of the Community**

River Montessori Charter School welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We hope that you will visit these meetings often and your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all community members
2. Community members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comment" will be given an opportunity to do so.
3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the community to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Exceptions to these time limits may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair. The board may give direction to staff to respond to your concerns or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen requested agenda item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may speak for up to (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item. Exceptions to this time may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair.
5. Community members may request in writing that a topic related to school business be considered for placement on a future agenda. Requests should be addressed to the Board Chair. If such an item is placed on the agenda and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

**Certification of Posting**

Posted at RMCS, Petaluma, CA: Name & Signature: *Kelly Griffith Mannion* Date & Time: 8/6/23, 3:30 p.m.

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