

# RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2025

**1:00 p.m.**

**27740 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA 92590**

*Our mission is to empower students by fostering their innate curiosity, engaging their parents, and promoting optimum learning by collaboratively developing a personalized learning program for each student.*

### Present:

Louis Fetherolf, Chair Jenny Adamo, Vice Chair Dr. Annica Dawe, Treasurer Stevie Heiliger, Director (arrived at 1:11 p.m.) Dr. Givona Sandiford, Director Jamie Thompson, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermismeyer, Superintendent Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops. Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Scott Lloyd, Senior Director of Facilities Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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- 1. Open Session: Establish a Quorum, Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Chair**
  - Mr. Fetherolf called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
  - Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Agenda.
  - Dr. Dawe seconded.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Sandiford, Thompson;  
2 Absent: McCallion, Heiliger; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2025**
  - Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Minutes from October 1, 2025.
  - Ms. Adamo seconded.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Sandiford, Thompson;  
2 Absent: McCallion, Heiliger; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, and Contract Ratifications As Posted: Canopy Add-on to Branching Minds, Busy Bees Locks & Keys Inc at Corona Student Center, M&M Tinting LLC at Corona Student Center, Moore Flooring Inc at Magnolia Student Center, Ross Fence Inc at Bookmart, Signarama at the Plaza, Smart Network Solutions, Inc at Hemet Student Center, Stand Guard Security Team at Corona Student Center, Stewart Electric at Renaissance Valley Academy, The Lavatory at Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative, Victory Paving at Bear River Student Center, Victory Paving at Enterprise Resource Center, SOS Playgrounds, Inc at Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative, So Cal Gas at Temecula Kitchen, Class Technologies, Brisk Teaching, 1st Semester Get In Tune, 2nd Semester Get In Tune, Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Palm Student Center), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Hemet Quest Student Center), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Hemet Quest Student Center 2nd), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Cherry Valley Student Center), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Palm Student Center 2nd), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Cherry Valley Student Center 2nd), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Pathfinder Resource Center), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Pathfinder Resource Center 2nd), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Temecula Student Center), and Bertrand's Music Purchase Order (Temecula Student Center 2nd).
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Sandiford, Thompson;  
2 Absent: McCallion, Heiliger; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**5. Public Comments**

- None

**6. Information: Student Spotlight: 2025 8th Grade Leadership Camp**

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation featuring our 8th Grade students attending summer leadership camp at Idyllwild Pines, designed to strengthen teamwork, confidence, and communication skills.

**7. Information: Student Spotlight: Palm Academy - Visual and Performing Arts Presentation**

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation featuring our Palm Academy fifth and sixth graders playing their instruments purchased with our Visual and Performing Arts funds. These funds will strengthen the arts program at our student center locations.

**8. Information: Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates about River Springs' renewal, network-wide diagnostic testing, and current charter-related legislation.

**9. Action: Approval of River Springs Charter Renewal Documents for the July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031 Term**

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the River Springs Charter renewal documents for the July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031 term.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz discussed the renewal petition for the River Springs' charter. Upon approval by the RSCS board, it will be submitted to the Riverside County Board of Education. There is a 90-day window for RCBE to hold both a Public Hearing and a vote.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson;  
1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**10. Action: Approval of Material Revision for River Springs Charter School**

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Material Revision for River Springs Charter School.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that RCOE staff requested a Material Revision, separate from the Renewal Petition, to highlight the changes to our addresses and programs being offered. As required by law, all legal updates have been updated as well.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson;  
1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**11. Action: Approval of Post-Employment Retirement CalPERS Payment**

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Post-Employment Retirement CalPERS Payment.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that a retired employee was hired to do independent contract work on behalf of the school. CalPERS has determined that the work qualifies as employment, and thus, CalPERS payments and fees need to be made.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson;  
1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**12. Action: Approval of Contract with JC Janitorial at Multiple Locations**

- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the contract with JC Janitorial at Multiple Locations.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.

- Discussion: Scott Lloyd explained that this contract would provide day-porter janitorial services at certain locations as listed in the contract.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson;  
1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**13. Action: Approval of Contract with Harbor Building Maintenance, Inc. at Multiple Locations**

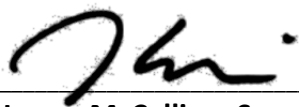
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the contract with Harbor Building Maintenance, Inc. at Multiple Locations.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Discussion: Scott Lloyd explained that this contract would provide day-porter janitorial services at any RSCS school site.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson;  
1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**14. Board Comments**

- Ms. Thompson: I want to give a compliment regarding the renewal petition's inclusion of all students, and not just significant subgroups.
- Ms. Heiliger: Congratulations on the new Corona site. It looks great!
- Dr. Dawe: My second-grade daughter is taking a HELLO class, and it is helping her writing ability.
- Mr. Fetherolf: I would like to discuss campus visits.

**15. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

- Ms. Adamo moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 p.m.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson;  
1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



James McCallion, Secretary

Dec. 11, 2025

Date