



The Rock Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2026
Time: 5:37pm – 6:54pm
Location: Virtual - Google Meet
Meeting Type: Regular

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jennifer Wade (Chair), Tera Hambrick (Vice Chair), Jennifer Miller (Secretary),

Board Members Absent: Lupe Davalos (Treasurer)

Staff / Guests Present: Dr. Ahmed White (Executive Director), Lekita Sims (Director of Operations)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at **5:37 PM** by Jennifer Wade. A quorum was established.

MOTION: Jennifer Wade moved to approve the agenda with the addition of meeting minutes. Tera Hambrick seconded.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Old Business

A report was submitted to the Board of Directors.

Facilities

Ongoing negotiations with Knowledge Academies to determine the sublease and secure the facilities. TRA would like to have a full-service gross lease structure that includes everything in the agreement. Additional discussions are needed around the insurance. Construction discussions were reviewed.

Additional spaces have been identified for the future home of TRA.

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Board approval is needed for the facilities, along with the lease agreement.

Student Recruitment

Updates

- A grant was given to partner with Mariposa Education to support enrollment and marketing for the school's founding year.
- TRA has a strategic plan for the number of students to reach for the enrollment pipeline.
- Currently, they have 128 expressions of interest, 34 viable leads, 5 applications, and 3 enrollments.
- Chair Wade provided additional suggestions for recruitment, including attending juvenile court, Richard Fletcher at the Metro Student Attendance Center, and Myron Franklin at Johnson ALC.
- Board asks support for calling and support in front of youth to enroll in TRA.

Old Business

CTE

- Provided an overview of the Snaptools for CTE and the careers that are associated with those skills.
- Board asks different job lanes that are aligned for careers and job opportunities for CTE partners

Additional Proposals

- Infused Ed was engaged for fractional fundraising assistance, including grant writing.

Action Items

Action Item	Responsible Person	Due Date
Schedule a special Board meeting to address the lease for facilities (March 17 th , 24 th at 5pm)	Board	March 17, 2026
Board to support leadership with making connections and/or	Board	April 5, 2026

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organizations to get additional youth to enroll in TRA

Document outlines the various career lanes to connect with business and leaders

Dr. White

February 10, 2026

DCS Leadership reach out for pipeline

Chair Wade

Updated financial information for the Board at the next meeting

Dr. White

Announcements

- **Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026 at 5:30 pm via Google Meet.

Adjournment

MOTION: Jennifer Wade moved to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Minutes Submitted By:

Jennifer Miller, Board Secretary

Date: April 3, 2026

Approved by Board on: May 6, 2026

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