



January 14, 2026: Riverside Leadership Academy - Board Meeting Agenda



Board of Directors Meeting Date: January 14, 2026 @ 6:00 PM On Campus- In Person Main Building Room 107- Performing Arts Lab	Action	Person	Notes
Open Session			
Meeting called to order <u>Opening Statement (if public is present)</u> Welcome, and thank you for joining us this evening. Riverside Leadership Academy board meetings are held to conduct the official business of the school, and we welcome the public to attend and observe. Please note that this meeting is not a forum for open discussion. Members of the audience are not permitted to ask questions or direct comments to the board during the meeting. Anyone wishing to address the board must sign up for public comment on the RLA website at least 24 hours in advance. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we conduct the business of the school. <u>Welcome guests & recognition:</u> Welcome to New Board Members New Board Member Celebrations! Teacher of the Quarter (1) Teacher Wins- Semester One	Announce	Board Chair	Called to order at 5:58
<u>Reading of Mission Statement</u> Through project based and leadership curriculums, Riverside Leadership Academy develops confident, community focused, future ready leaders. Students thrive from meaningful connections between families, school staff, and community members curated by involvement of all stakeholders.	Read the Mission Statement once the meeting is called to order.	Board Member	Read by Nina Banfield Arrington



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<u>Acceptance of Meeting Minutes</u> A. Approval of January 14, 2026 Agenda B. Approval of Minutes a. November 12, 2025 b. December 4, 2025	Review, Vote	Board Members	Motion to approve January 14th agenda and Motion to approve November 12, 2025 and December 4, 2025 minutes Motion: Erika Butters Second: Nina Banfield Arrington Motion passed unanimously
<u>Public Comment/Citizen Input</u> <u>LINK TO FULL POLICY</u> “At the beginning of each Board meeting any citizen is invited to address the Board of Directors about matters related to Riverside Leadership Academy. Please be aware that disrespectful comments or comments of a personal nature directed at an individual either by name or inference, will not be allowed. If you have a personnel concern, it should be directed first to the Executive Director, then to the Board Chairperson and finally in writing to the Board. As Chairperson, I will stop you if your comments are inappropriate or when your time has expired. The Board is here to listen and will not respond to any remarks at this meeting. If further clarification or a response is necessary, you may be contacted later. Each speaker is asked to begin by stating your first and last name. You will have three (3) minutes to address the Board [unless the time is revised and stated by the Chairperson]. Your time begins after you state your name. Our first speaker tonight is...”	Read Public Comment Statement and Guidelines	Board Chair	
<u>Reports</u>			
<u>Administrative Report</u>	Share	Executive Director	



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<u>New Business</u> A. Town Hall Dates B. Committee Reassignments/Updates C. February Overview of Annual Audit D. Board Member Support of New Admissions 26/27	Share Action Share Share	Board	
<u>Committee Reports</u> A. Facilities Committee a. Fencing - January 19 installation b. Landscaping Updates c. NCDOT Updates B. Finance Committee a. November Financials b. December Financials C. Governance Committee D. Outreach Committee E. Athletics Committee	Share Share Share Share Share	Board/Committee Member	
<u>Closed Session</u>			
Closed Session - Pursuant to NC GS 1418.11 (a) Permitted Purposes: #4,6 It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required: Closed Session is not always held, but if it is, members of the public shall drop from the call and can return for the open session vote/adjournment. The Board will give their best estimate of the time needed for Closed Session, but all timing will be approximate.	Announce	Executive Director Board Members	Motion to go into closed session at 6:51pm Motion: Nina Banfield Arrington Second: Erika Butters Motion passed unanimously Motion to come out of closed session at 8:00pm Motion: Shane Ecklund Second: Alex Bogdanoff Motion passed unanimously



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Action after Closed Session (if needed)			
1. 2. 3.			Motion to approve the resignation of the teacher Motion: Nina Banfield Arrington Second: Josh Littlejohn Motion passed unanimously Motion to approve the resignation of the Board Member Motion: Josh Littlejohn Second: Nina Banfield Arrington Motion passed unanimously Motion to approve the two new hires (Science teacher and Substitute teacher) Motion: Erika Butters Second: Alex Bogdanoff Motion passed unanimously Motion to approve offering 9th grade beginning the 2028/2029 school year. Motion: Nina Banfield Arrington Second: Josh Littlejohn Motion passed unanimously
Adjournment	Announce	Board President / Chair	Motion to Adjourn Motion: Erika Butters Second: Shane Ecklund Adjourned at 8:06pm



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- RLA Event Coverage Sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49AEAF2AA0FEC43-60491857-rlaboard>