

Rocketship Public Schools National Board of Directors Meeting (2024-25 Q4) (Wednesday, June 11, 2025)

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1. Opening Items

A. Call to order

At 1:03pm, Mr. Jordan took roll call. With a quorum of board members present, Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order.
Present: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

Absent: Brian Kilb, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth, Ray Raven, Tamara Peterson

B. Public comment on off-agenda items

At 1:04pm, Mr. Jordan called for public comment on off-agenda items. No members of the public provided comment.

2. Consent Items

A. Approve minutes from the May 22, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Approve minutes from the May 28, 2025 special meeting of the Board of Directors

C. Reappoint Mike Fox, Julie Miller, Joey Slotter, Raymond Raven, and April Taylor to the Rocketship Board of Directors for a term of two years through June 2027

D. Reappoint Julie Miller (as committee chair) to the Rocketship Audit Committee for the remainder of their term on the Rocketship Board of Directors

E. Reappoint Joey Slotter to the Rocketship Executive Committee for the remainder of their term on the Rocketship Board of Directors

F. Reappoint Mike Fox to the Rocketship Business Committee for the remainder of their term on the Rocketship Board of Directors

G. Appoint Raymond Raven to the Rocketship CA Board Committee for a term of two years through June 2027

H. Approve the 2025-26 Rocketship Education Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

At 1:05pm, Mr. Terman made a motion to approve the consent items. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stanger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

3. Information Items

A. Mission Moment

At 1:07pm, Kadeem Ruiz, Wisconsin Executive Director, shared an update on Milwaukee's Rocketship Cares Day.

B. Board Updates

At 1:13pm, Preston Smith, Kadeem Ruiz, April Taylor, Maricela Guerrero, Yolanda Bernal Samano and Kristen Gates provided regional and development updates.

4. Action Items: CA Agreements - Review and Approval

A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rocketship Public Schools and Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley 2025 Summer Enrichment Program

B. Approve the Agreement with YMCA - Amendment & Renewal Year 2 of 5 Agreement 2025-26 After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Grant Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Grant

C. Approve Third Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2023-2028 between Rocketship Public Schools and Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley Expanded Learning Opportunity Program

D. Approve Facilities Use Agreement for Rocketship Redwood City Prep

E. Approve the Contract Extension Agreement with Nob Hill Catering, Inc., DBA The LunchMaster

F. Approve the Contract Extension Agreement with Bigbreak, LLC, DBA Chefables

G. Approve the Services Agreement with BrightBee Inc.

At 1:51pm, the board discussed action items 4(A-G).

At 1:52pm, Mr. Stanger made a motion to approve the action items 4(A-D). This motion was seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

At 1:54pm, Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the action items 4(E-G). This motion was seconded by Ms. Bernal Samano, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

5. Action Items: TN Agreements - Review and Approval

A. Approve Amendment 3 of the Food Service Management Contract with SLA Management Inc.

B. Approve the Asset Transfer Agreement (TN)

At 1:55pm, the board discussed action items 5(A-B).

At 1:56pm, Ms. Taylor made a motion to approve the action items 5(A-B). This motion was seconded by Mr. Stanger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

6. Action Items: CA Operations - Review and Approval

A. Approve the 2025-26 Attendance Calendar for Rocketship Mateo Sheedy, Rocketship Si Se Puede, Rocketship Los Suenos, Rocketship Discovery Prep, Rocketship Alma, Rocketship Fuerza, Rocketship Brilliant Minds and Rocketship Rising Stars

B. Approve Resolution #2025-04 Adopting Literacy Screening Tool for Reading Difficulties

C. Approve Instructional Continuity Plan Addition to School Safety Plan

D. Approve the 2025-26 Rocketship Education Student and Parent Handbook for California

E. Approve the 2025-26 Rocketship Education Employee Handbook for California

At 1:56pm, the board discussed action items 6(A-E).

At 1:58pm, Mr. Stanger made a motion to approve the action items 6(A-E). This motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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Abstain: --

7. Action Items: TN Operations - Review and Approval

A. Approve the 2025-26 Rocketship Education Employee Handbook for Tennessee

B. Approve the 2025-26 Rocketship Education Student and Parent Handbook for Tennessee

C. Approve amended leases for Rocketship United Academy, Rocketship Nashville Northeast Elementary and Rocketship Dream Community Prep

At 1:58pm, the board discussed action items 7(A-C).

At 2:00pm, Ms. Taylor made a motion to approve the action items 7(A-C). This motion was seconded by Mr. Stanger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan

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8. Action Items: Finance - Review and Approval

A. Approve the Prop 28 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for all thirteen California Rocketship schools

B. Approve 2025-26 Education Protection Account Fund Budget Spending Plans for Rocketship Mateo Sheedy, Rocketship Si Se Puede, Rocketship Los Suenos, Rocketship Mosaic, Rocketship Discovery Prep, Rocketship Brilliant Minds, Rocketship Alma, Rocketship Spark, Rocketship Fuerza, Rocketship Rising Stars, Rocketship Redwood City Prep, Rocketship Futuro, and Rocketship Delta Prep

C. Approve Amended Fiscal Policies

D. Approve the 2025-05 Resolutions of the Board of Directors of Rocketship Education to Establish Authority to Reallocate State and Federal Special Education Funding and to Reallocate Income for Fiscal Year 2024-25

At 2:00pm, the board discussed action items 8(A-D).

At 2:02pm, Tamara Peterson joined the meeting.

At 2:03pm, Mr. Stanger made a motion to approve the action items 8(A-D). This motion was seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: --

9. Action Items: National CMO Decisions - Review and Approval

A. Approve Lease Agreement for Rocketship Stellar Elementary (WI)

B. Review and Approve the Network Support Fee Deferral and Forgiveness

At 2:03pm, the board discussed action items 9(A-B).

At 2:11pm, Mr. Terman made a motion to approve action item 9(A). This motion was seconded by Ms. McGriff, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: --

At 2:12pm, Ms. McGriff made a motion to approve action item 9(B) to approve the Network Fee Deferral and Forgiveness of the 2018 inter-company liability for Rocketship DC. This motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: Joey Slotter

10. Action Items: LCAP Items - Review and Approval

A. Approve Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addenda

B. Approve the 2024-25 California School Dashboard Local Indicator data

C. Approve the Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs) for all California Rocketship schools: Rocketship Mateo Sheedy, Rocketship Si Se Puede, Rocketship Los Suenos, Rocketship Mosaic, Rocketship Discovery Prep, Rocketship Brilliant Minds, Rocketship Alma, Rocketship Spark, Rocketship Fuerza, Rocketship Rising Stars, Rocketship Redwood City Prep, Rocketship Futuro, and Rocketship Delta Prep

At 2:14pm, Maricela Guerrero and Justin White presented on agenda items 10(A-C).

At 2:18pm, Ms. Bernal Samano made a motion to approve the action items 10(A-C). This motion was seconded by Ms. Slotter, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: --

11. Break

At 2:18pm, the board agreed to forgo a break.

12. Action Items: Budget - Review and Approval

A. 2025-26 Annual Planning Review and Approval of 2025-26 Budget and all School Level Budgets

At 2:18pm, Kerry Flanagan and Ben Carson presented the 2025-26 Annual Plan and the proposed 2025-26 Budget, including all school level budgets.

At 3:23pm, Mr. Stanger made a motion to approve the action item 12(A). This motion was seconded by Ms. McGriff, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: --

13. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation 2 Cases - Knox vs RSED and V.R. et. al. vs RSED. - Code § 54956.9.

At 3:23pm, Ms. Miller made a motion to move to Closed Session. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stanger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Mike Fox, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: --

At 3:30pm, Mr. Fox left the meeting.

14. Action Items: Report Out

A. Public report on actions taken in closed session

At 4:04pm, Mr. Jordan called the open session back to order and took roll.

Present: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

At 4:05pm, Mr. Jordan reported that no actions were taken on item 13(A) during the closed session.

15. Adjournment

At 4:06pm, Ms. Slotter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stanger, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Y: Alex Terman, April Taylor, Deb McGriff, Greg Stanger, Hugo Castaneda, Joey Slotter, Julie Miller, Malka Borrego, Michelle Mercado, Yolanda Bernal Samano, Louis Jordan, Tamara Peterson

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Abstain: --