



# **Rocketship Public Schools National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (2025-26 - Q3)**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 3:00 PM PST

2001 Gateway Pl Ste. 230E, San Jose, CA 95110

## Teleconference locations:

198 W Alma Ave, San Jose, CA 95110  
2960 Story Rd, San Jose, CA 95116  
1700 Cavallo Rd, Antioch, CA 94509  
370 Wooster Ave, San Jose, CA 95116  
70 S. Jackson Ave, San Jose, CA 95116  
2351 Olivera Rd, Concord, CA 94520  
331 S. 34th St, San Jose, CA 95116  
788 Locust St, San Jose, CA 95110  
950 Owsley Ave, San Jose, CA 95122  
1440 Connecticut Dr, Redwood City, CA 94061  
3173 Senter Rd, San Jose, 95111  
2249 Dobern Ave, San Jose, CA 95116  
683 Sylvandale Ave, San Jose, CA 95111  
2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704  
16620 Lower Valley Ridge Dr, Brookfield, WI  
744 NE 88th Street, Miami, FL 33138  
11723 SE Florida Ave, Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
1775 Tysons Blvd, McLean, VA 22102  
9112 Vendome Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817  
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18370 Burbank Blvd. Suite 100 Tarzana CA 91356

## **1. Opening Items**

- A. Call to Order

At 3:03pm, Mr. Jordan took roll call. With a quorum of board members present, Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan

**Absent:** Courtney Shenberg, Derwin Sisnett, Hugo Castaneda, Mike Fox, Rajen Sheth, Raymond Raven, Tamara Peterson

B. Public comment on off-agenda items

At 3:05pm, Mr. Jordan called for public comment on off-agenda items. No members of the public provided public comment.

At 3:06pm, Mike Fox joined the meeting.

**2. Consent Items**

At 3:06pm, a motion to approve consent items 2(A-C) was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Brian Kilb, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

A. Approve minutes from the December 10, 2026 meeting of the Rocketship Board of Directors

B. Review and Approve the 2026-27 School Instructional Calendar for Rocketship Schools in California

C. Approve Submission of Form J-13A for Rocketship Futuro Academy

**3. Information Items**

A. Mission Moment

At 3:07pm, the board discussed information item 3(A). No action was taken.

At 3:09pm, Derwin Sisnett joined the meeting.

B. Board Updates

At 3:09pm, the board discussed information item 3(B). No action was taken.

At 3:20pm, Rajen Sheth joined the meeting.

C. Staff Satisfaction Survey Results and Next Steps

At 3:53pm, the board discussed information item 3(C). No action was taken.

At 4:15pm, Mr. Kilb left the meeting.

**4. Action Items: Agreements - Review and Approval**

- A. Review and Approve Services Agreement with Swenson & Associates for Facility Upgrades for Rocketship Los Suenos

At 4:19pm, the board discussed action items 4(A-C).

At 4:28pm, a motion to approve action items 4(A-C) was made by Mr. Terman, seconded by Mr. Sheth, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

- B. Review and Approve the Chromebook Purchase
- C. Approve Rocketship Spark Academy Memorandum of Understanding with Franklin McKinley School District

## 5. Action Item: Applications & Resolutions - Review and Approval

- A. Approve Resolution #2026-01: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Rocketship California Schools

At 4:29pm, the board discussed action item 5(A).

At 4:31pm, a motion to approve action item 5(A) was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Detweiler, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** Joey Sloter (unavailable to vote)

## 6. Action Items: Operations - Review and Approval

At 4:31pm, the board discussed action items 6(A-C).

At 4:33pm, a motion to approve action items 6(A-C) was made by Mr. Sanchez, seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

- A. Approve RSED-CA Immigration Enforcement Activity Policy
- B. Approve RSED-CA Admission and Enrollment Policy
- C. Approve 2026 School Safety Plan for all Rocketship schools

## 7. **Action Items: Finance - Review and Approval**

- A. Acknowledge and Approve Second Interim Report for all thirteen California Rocketship Schools

At 4:33pm, the board discussed action item 7(A).

At 4:34pm, a motion to approve action item 7(A) was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

- B. Review and Approve CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) as auditor for the consolidated audit of Rocketship Education and its affiliated entities

At 4:35pm, the board discussed action item 7(B).

At 4:37pm, a motion to approve action item 7(B) was made by Mr. Sanchez, seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

- C. Review and Approve IRS Form 990 for Rocketship Education for fiscal year ending 6/30/25

At 4:38pm, the board discussed action item 7(C).

At 4:41pm, a motion to approve action item 7(C) was made by Ms. McGriff, seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

## 8. **Information Items**

- A. Q2 Financial Review and Next Steps

At 4:42pm, the board discussed information item 8(A). No action was taken.

## 9. **Action Item: National CMO Decisions - Review and Approval**

At 4:56pm, the board discussed action items 9(A-B).

At 5:19pm, a motion to suspend voting on action items 9(A-B) until after closed session was made by Ms. McGriff, seconded by Ms. Miller, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

A. Consideration and Possible Approval of Greenlighting the Orange County Region

At 6:20pm, a motion to approve action item 9(A) was made by Ms. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sanchez, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth, Tamara Peterson

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

B. Approve Rocketship Orange County Charter Petition

At 6:21pm, a motion to approve action item 9(B) was made by Mr. Sanchez, seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth, Tamara Peterson

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

**10. Closed Session**

At 5:20pm, a motion to move to closed session was made by Ms. McGriff, seconded by Ms. Taylor, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --

A. Conference with Legal Counsel — Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code § 54956.9. Number of cases: 3

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section § 54956.9 Name of Case: Knox v. Rocketship Education, et al., Case No. 24-CIV-00327
- C. Conference regarding Real Property Negotiations pursuant to California Government Code Section § 54956.8. Property Location: Multiple - Competitive, Negotiators: Benjamin Carson, Preston Smith. Negotiating Parties: To Be Determined. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

## 11. Report Out

- A. Report Out

At 6:17pm, Mr. Jordan called the open session back to order and took roll call.

**Present:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Joey Sloter, Julie Miller, Michelle Mercado, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Louis Jordan, Mike Fox, Derwin Sisnett, Rajen Sheth

At 6:18pm, Mr. Jordan reported that no actions were taken on items 10(A-C) during the closed session.

At 6:19pm, Tamara Peterson joined the meeting.

## 12. Break

At 6:22pm the board took a break.

At 6:23pm, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Mercado and Mr. Sisnett left the meeting.

At 6:25pm, Ms. Sloter and Mr. Fox left the meeting

## 13. Information Items

- A. Group discussion with Bay Area Parent Advisory Board and parent leaders

At 6:47pm, the board discussed information item 13(A). No actions were taken.

## 14. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn Meeting

At 7:44pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. McGriff, seconded by Ms. Detweiler, and carried by a roll call vote.

**Yes:** Alex Terman, April Taylor, Charmaine Detweiler, Dan Sanchez, Daniel Velasco, Deborah McGriff, Julie Miller, Rhonda Baldenegro, Yolanda Bernal-Samano, Rajen Sheth, Tamara Peterson

**No:** --

**Abstain:** --