

**Rising Schools, Inc./The Rising School Governing Board Regular Meeting
1701 E. Seneca
Tucson, Arizona, 85719**

**April 11, 2013
5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Governing Board present

George Rising, President
Greg Berger, Treasurer
Rosie Garcia, Secretary (telephonically)

Governing Board absent

None

Also present

Margret Huebner

Item	Action
<u>REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u> 5:04 p.m.	
<u>INFORMATION ITEM</u> 1. Handout: Draft Calendar for future Board meetings. The Board discussed dates and places for future Board meetings.	No action required.
<u>ACTION ITEM</u> 2. Approve Thursday April 25, 2013, 4:00 p.m., as the next Board meeting	Greg Berger moved approval, Rosie Garcia seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
<u>ACTION ITEM</u> 3. Approve draft Minutes, without revision, from the previous Board meeting of February 21, 2013.	Greg Berger moved approval, Rosie Garcia seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
<u>INFORMATION ITEM</u> 4. Handout: Margret Huebner's resume. Board interviewed potential new RSI/TRS Board member Margret Huebner.	No action required.
<u>ACTION ITEM</u> 5. Approve Margret Huebner as RSI/TRS Board member.	George Rising moved approval, Rosie Garcia seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

<p><u>INFORMATION ITEM</u></p> <p>6. Handout: Scores on AZ CSP applications of 5 awards and of The Rising School. Handout: Letter from Dr. Mark Francis of AZ CSP, which answered questions by TRS. The Board discussed the AZ CSP award process. The Board reviewed RSI's April 3 letter to the Arizona Department of Education, which outlined several serious problems in the AZ CSP process. The Board agreed that the AZ CSP process, especially the interview section of the application, was flawed and the TRS was unfairly harmed by the process. Greg Berger requested that George Rising send the Board copies of the statute that outlines the appeal process; George Rising agreed to send the relevant statute to Board members.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p><u>ACTION ITEM</u></p> <p>7. Approve RSI's appeal of TRS's exclusion from AZ CSP Grant Funding.</p>	<p>Greg Berger moved approval, Rosie Garcia seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.</p>
<p><u>INFORMATION ITEM</u></p> <p>8. Handout: Flyer for 2222 N. Craycroft facility. Handout: Maps for 2222 N. Craycroft facility. The Board reviewed information about a possible facility for TRS. George Rising discussed facilities that he had toured with RSI's real-estate agent. George Rising stated that one building, 2222 N. Craycroft, was a facility very well-suited to TRS's needs in terms of size, location, and price</p>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p><u>ACTION ITEM</u></p> <p>9. Approve George Rising's negotiating RSI's lease of a possible facility for TRS at 2222 N. Craycroft Road</p>	<p>Greg Berger moved approval, Rosie Garcia seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.</p>
<p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></p> <p>10. Handout: ADI's Scope of Services. CEO George Rising informed the Board of his reasons for contracting with ADI Business Solutions for accounting and other financial services. He also stated that ADI's clients had strong records in financial audits. Margret Huebner stated her preference for using local, Tucson accounting firms for audits. George Rising stated that competence was the prime requirement for any vendor, but that he believed that there were several competent Tucson auditing firms.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

11. The Board discussed opening TRS in August 2013, rather than August 2014. George Rising pointed out that the Board had previously voted to open TRS in August 2014 on the basis of having a planning year funded by the \$230,000 AZ CSP grant, which was now in question.	No action required.
<u>ACTION ITEM</u> 12. Approve opening of The Rising School in August 2013.	Rose Garcia moved approval, Greg Berger seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
<u>INFORMATION ITEM</u> 13. At 6:12 p. m., Rosie Garcia, who was attending the meeting by phone, excused herself from the meeting to attend to another appointment.	No action required.
<u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u> None.	
<u>REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED</u> 6:20 p.m.	