Ripple Academy
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 11, 2026
Location: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81962907064
In Attendance: Irene Summers, Holly Clegg, Katie Purinton, Marion Cline, Jasen Ah You, Melvin Rodriguez
Others In Attendance: Krystal Taylor, Brad Taylor
Excused: Sarah Barnes

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:07PM Irene Summers called the meeting to order.

CONSENT ITEMS

- July 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
  Marion Cline made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Holly Clegg seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Irene Summers, Aye; Holly Clegg, Aye; Katie Purinton, Aye; Marion Cline, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Marketing Committee
  Katie Purinton provided a social media update to the board. The committee will kick off additional efforts around August 17th to initiate a 1-year countdown to the opening of Ripple Academy. Families will be able to see a timeline for what to expect with the opening. Marketing will also look into sending out mailers in the coming months.

  Jasen Ah-You joined the meeting at 5:10PM.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Budgeting Updates
- E-Rate Eligibility
  Brad Taylor provided the Board with a budget update, noting that startup funds are beginning to come in. He then provided an update regarding E-Rate funding and reviewed the types of items and services that may be eligible for reimbursement through the program. Eligible items include wireless equipment, network hardware, firewall and security appliances, internal copper or fiber cabling, network racks, battery backups, operating software and licenses necessary to support eligible hardware, internal connections, managed internal broadband services, and basic maintenance of internal connections.
  The Board was also provided with the detailed E-Rate eligible services language for reference. The Board discussed the opportunity and determined that E-Rate funding presents a beneficial opportunity with relatively low risk. The Board expressed support for moving forward with the E-Rate process with assistance from Academica West staff.

Marion Cline made a motion to move forward with the E-Rate process and to authorize Irene Summers to engage in any necessary contracts. Katie Purinton seconded. Votes were as follows: Irene Summers, Aye; Holly Clegg, Aye; Katie Purinton, Aye; Marion Cline, Aye; Jasen Ah-You, Aye.

Melvin Rodriguez joined the meeting at 5:32 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Design-Build Committee
  Melvin Rodrigez provided an update on the design plans for the building. A 3-D rendering will be shown to committee and board members at a future date.

CALENDARING

- The next board meeting will be held on September 3, 2026.

ADJOURN

At 5:44 PM Marion Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Holly Clegg seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Votes were as follows: Irene Summers, Aye; Holly Clegg, Aye; Katie Purinton, Aye; Marion Cline, Aye; Jasen Ah-You, Aye; Melvin Rodriguez, Aye.