



Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School

Minutes

REACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday June 23, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Location

Via Zoom Online Platform and In-Person

Directors Present

L. Hamer, C. Williams-Hagins (remote), K. Sandiford, R. Wilson (remote), S. Francis (remote), M. Anglin (remote)

Directors Absent

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Rice

Guests Present

Ms. Kimylene Hover (remote), T. Muniz (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Hamer called a meeting of the board of directors of Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School to order June 23, 2025, at 6:38 PM

M. Anglin made a motion to Approve Agenda.

K. Sandiford seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Sandiford made a motion to Approve Minutes from April 28th and May 27th, 2025

C. Williams-Hagins seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Business & Operations Report

A. Mrs. Tawana Muniz

STUDENT DATA DASHBOARD:

- UNIVERSAL PRE-K STUDENTS – 34
- K-8 STUDENTS (Pre-Enrolled) – 439
- SPED STUDENTS – 66
- ELL – 8
- ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS – 66%
- Temp. Housing – 5

ENROLLMENT: 2026 – 2026

- REACS has 346 applications for the lottery
- 10 students will not return for the '26 school year

COMPLIANCE/FINANCE:

- Preparing DOE Invoice for P1 2026
- Reviewing items for audit request
- Preparing for reports due 7/31 (annual report/DOE reconciliation)
- Waiting on approval for the NPS security application.
- Looking at Microsoft Ed program. As of 10/19/25 they will no longer support non 365

ATTACHMENTS

- Budget vs. Actual and Cash disbursement reports were given to the board

III. School Leader Report

Ms. Kimylene Hover

- End of Year evaluations- have been completed.
- Summer School Update- July 1, 2025 – Aug 7, 2025
- Teacher set up June 30th.
- Schedule - 8:30 to 1:30pm 5 hours
- Enrichment - Media team, Art, Gym (movement)
- Enrichment teachers will meet scholars twice a week and push in 2 days for small group intensive.
- Summer School teachers completed Lavinia training over the past two weeks
- Approximately 168 scholars are registered.
- Celebrate Progress and Success
- International day was awesome as always
- Pre-K, Kinder, Grades 5 and 8th grade graduations took place on June 16 & 17.
- PreK& Kindergarten had Graduation/Publishing parties. Classes had published books highlighting our scholars as authors. AP Hover's initiative.
- Prek/K parent breakfast held to celebrate our youngest scholars transition encourage parental support.
- 5th grade dance and 8th grade prom were successful.
- Scholars had picnics in the park by grades on good weather days.

2025-26 School Year Planning

- Materials for the 2025 School year include and have been ordered:
- HMH into READING K-5
- SAVVAS - My PERSPECTIVE 6-8
- SAVVAS MATH ENVISION K-8
- WORLD LANGUAGES- MANDARIN
- CARNEGIE LEARNING - SPANISH
- WILSON FOUNDATIONS
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- READY
- I-Ready
- Powerschool
- IXL
- Health
- The Leader in Me

Data Summary

- We are awaiting the June instructional report

2024-2025 School-wide Goal: Increase Overall Student Achievement: The goal is to improve ELA and Math proficiency across all grade levels, aiming for 60% proficiency in ELA and 65% in Math by the end of the 24-25 school year. The end-of-quarter assessments will measure progress.

ANet Data Comparison 23-24 to 24-25 report was given to the board

Looking Ahead

- Algebra 1 Regents - Jun 18, 2025
- Last day of school – June 18, 2025

Personnel Report

- Tentative Organization and Calendar for 25-26 distributed to staff.
- Resignation – Ms. Wilson
- All other staff has indicated that they will return for the next school year.
- In School Job Fair June 30th

Positions Vacant

- IT specialist
- IT assistant
- Interventionist
- Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- School Aide
- Custodian

Summer Professional Learning

- Restorative Justice August 10-14
- Vote to approve the 2025-26 school calendar

Challenges

- Confrontational Parents
- Scholar disruptions (EXPELLING PROBLEMATIC SCHOLARS)

Summer Meetings

- Jul 22, 2025
- Aug 19, 2025

IV. Personnel Report

A. Kamala Sandiford

- No meeting

V. CEO Report

A. Bishop Calvin Rice

- Temporary C of O until 8/3/25
- Permanent C of O requires a commissioner's report (Building Commissioner is coming in the school tomorrow)
- Working on sanitation pickup
- All is well with the new building; landscape is coming in nicely

VI. PTO Meeting

A. D.A. Seabourne/S. Francis

PTO Board for 2024-2025:

- **Co-President:** Debbie-Ann Seabourne
- **Co-President:** Shaena Francis
- **Vice President:** Jennifer Steele
- **Treasurer:** Margie Townsend
- **Secretary:** Cernelia Johnson
- **Communication Secretary:** Quana Richards
- **Volunteer Chair:** Crystal Anderson
- **Summary of the PTO Meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025**
- **Attendance:** 48 attendees

Meeting Overview:

- Review of the 2024–2025 school year and outlined the purpose of the meeting:
- Recap of the year's activities and accomplishments.
- Discussion of PTO business.
- Voting on new board members and amendments.

Agenda Items Requiring Vote:

- Amendment to the PTO Bylaws.
- Vice President Nomination.
- Volunteer Chair Nomination.
- Executive Board Continuation and Role Adjustments.

Voting and Nominations

Bylaw Amendment

- A motion to add the role of Co-President to the official PTO bylaws was presented and approved.

Board Elections for the 2025–2026 School Year

- **Vice President:** Maria Palmer Drexler – *Elected*
- **Volunteer Chair:** Marsha Granville Pereira – *Elected*
- **Executive Board Continuation:**
- **President:** Shaena Francis – *Approved*
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer Steele (transitioning from Vice President) – *Approved*
- **Secretary:** Carnelia Johnson – *Approved*
- **Communications Secretary:** Quana Richards – *Approved*

Year in Review – Shaena Francis

- Thanked parents, staff, and board members for their dedication, fundraising efforts, and volunteer support throughout the year.

Highlights of the Year's Events:

- Pizza Pop-Ups
- Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- Pictures with Santa (expanded to a two-day event)
- Easter Bunny Photo Day
- Visa Gift Cards for Families in Need
- Dave & Buster Gift Cards for Over 100 Scholars
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Gifts for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 5th, and 8th Grade Students
- Successful Indoor Field Day
- International Day Refreshments
- Financial Support for 8th Grade Graduation Packages

Acknowledgments:

- The executive team was commended for their planning and execution.
- Parents were encouraged to remain active and engaged.
- **Contact:** reactpto@yahoo.com

New Member Introductions

Maria Palmer Drexler (Vice President-elect)

- Parent of graduating K-12 student Suyana Drexler.
- Excited to collaborate with both PTO and administration.

Marsha Granville Pereira (Volunteer Chair-elect)

- Longtime member of REACS community.
- Parent of two scholars entering 6th and 4th grades.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Margie Townsend

- May was an eventful month with activities funded and supported by the PTO:
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- Pizza for Math State Exams (2 days)
- Snacks for 5th and 8th Grade Science Tests
- Ties for Lion's Den Event
- Giveaways for PTO Meeting
- Field Day Support

Leadership Update

- Recognition of a successful school year and transition into a new building.

- Encouraged registration for the Summer Boost Grant (Grades 1–8, July 1–Aug 7).
- Upcoming graduation events:
 - **June 16:** Pre-K and Kindergarten (9:00 AM)
 - **June 17:** 5th Grade (9:00 AM), 8th Grade (1:00 PM)
 - **June 18:** Last Day of School and Algebra 1 Regents for 8th Grade

Reminders:

- Events start promptly; please be on time.
- Summer packets and supply lists will be sent home.
- No balloons allowed inside the building during graduation ceremonies.

School Leadership & Parent Coordinator Report Staff Appreciation:

- Thank-you extended to PTO by AP Hover and Ms. Leslie for the Publishing and Kindergarten Graduation Parties.
- Ms. Chapman (Middle School AP) welcomed a new baby boy.
- Ms. Brown and Jennifer Steele expressed gratitude to classroom parents.

Parent Involvement:

- Classroom parents will be renamed “Parent Lighthouse”, aligning with Leader in Me principles.
- The Parent Journey Experience graduation was held May 28.
- Encouragement to attend upcoming Zoom workshop on understanding IEPs.

Summer Engagement

- Families are encouraged to help students stay engaged over the summer.
- Report cards will be distributed on the last day of school.
- Award ceremonies will take place in classrooms.

Community Highlights

- Nyshieka McPherson, local pastry chef
- 347-234-5345
 - IG: shes_sogolden

DJ Robert Randle, CEO & Founder of Rizen Group (dj from International Day) –

- 718-344-4172 or 917-621-5558
- RRandle@TheRizenGroup.com
- TheRizenGroup.com

PTO Support and Future Plans

- Thanks to parents and school community for ongoing support.
- More events are being planned for the 2024–2025 school year.
- Continued parent participation and volunteering are encouraged.

Meeting Giveaway

- **Amazon Gift Card Winner:** Michelle Giles
- Instructions to claim: Email reactpto1@yahoo.com

Closing Remarks

Debbie Seabourne (Outgoing Co-President)

- Stepping down after 10 years of service.
- Expressed heartfelt appreciation to school staff, families, and the PTO board.
- Shared optimism for an amazing 2025–2026 year.

Board & Community Reflections:

- Appreciation for outgoing members Debbie, Crystal, and Margie.
- Warm welcome to new board members Ms. Palmer Drexler and Ms. Granville Pereira.
- Meeting adjourned with thanks and well wishes for a safe and joyful summer.

VII. Academic Accountability Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Chene Williams

- Met on 6/17/25
- Given status of school and teacher evaluations, school awards
- Will analyze student data meeting at July meeting
- Inquiries were made to ensure school needs to next school year were bring met
- **Thankful for current year; looking forward to next year.**

VIII. Finance Committee Report – NO REPORT

A. Mrs. Marcia Anglin

- Met 6/19/25
- Next year's school budget was reviewed

Board Nominations

- Lillian Hamer was nominated for board chair (R. Wilson nominated, K. Sandiford seconded)
- Marcia Anglin was nominated for board treasurer (R. Wilson nominated, K. Sandiford seconded)
- Ron Wilson was nominated for board secretary (M. Anglin nominated, C. Williams seconded)
- K. Sandiford, C. Williams-Hagins, M. Anglin, R. Wilson were nominated by L. Hamer for a three-year term to the REACS board; C. Rice seconded, vote was passed
- J. Hurt, D. Barron, S. Francis were nominated by L. Hamer for a one-year to two-year term to the REACS board; C. Williams-Hagins seconded, vote was passed

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Wilson

In executive session, the following items were discussed:

- The '25-'26 budget (K. Sandiford made a motion to accept the '25-'26 budget (with any necessary corrections/adjustments), R. Wilson seconded; vote was passed)
- A student issue was discussed
- C. Rice made a motion to initiate a no cell phone policy during instruction (K. Sandiford seconded), vote was passed