



**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
GOVERNING BOARD
GATEWAY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY
RIVERSIDE GATEWAY TO COLLEGE ECHS**

**4800 Magnolia Ave., Lovekin L-4
Riverside, Ca 92506**

**January 16, 2026
7:30 A.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

Riverside Gateway to College Early College High School and Gateway College and Career Academy (“GCCA”) welcome your participation at the School’s Governing Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Governing Board (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

This meeting can be accessed in-person at the GCCA Administrative Office Conference Room and by teleconference using the following virtual meeting room: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/6528150021>. You may also call using the **Zoom phone number: +1 669 900 6833 (US Toll), Meeting ID: 652 815 0021.**

“Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably disrupts the Board meeting.

Members of the public participating virtually who wish to comment during “Oral Communications” may use the “raise hand” tool on the Zoom platform. Members of the public calling in will be given the opportunity to address the Board during the meeting.

With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your ivory request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address and adhere to the time limits set forth.

Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can discuss, respond, and possible act upon such an item.

If requested, the agenda shall be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability, as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and the federal rules and regulations adopted in implementation thereof. The agenda shall include information regarding how, to whom, and when a request for disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting.

The Board shall make any writing that is a public record and that relates to an agenda item in open session which is distributed less than 72 hours in advance of the meeting, available for public inspection at Lovekin Complex L5, Riverside City College, 4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506 and at the GCCA Administrative Office at 3750 University Ave., Suite 560, Riverside, CA 92501. The writing will also be posted on the Gateway College and Career Academy website: www.riversidegcca.org.



I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by the Board President at 7:38 A.M.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Adrienne Grayson	X	_____
Miguel Lujano- Treasurer 4275 Lemon St. Riverside, CA 92501	X	_____
Thea Quigley	X	_____
Kathleen Sarmiento- Vice President	X	_____
Ozzie Villela- President	X	_____
Bryon Ward	X	_____

II. COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Non-agenda items: no individual comments shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to comments and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following comments.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and may be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 2025- *pg.4-9*
- B. Approval of Claims Paid Activity Report for December 2025- *pg.10*
- C. Approval of Executive Director’s Personnel Actions:



Name	Position	Hire Date	FTE
Jacqueline Bernal	Counselor	1/5/2026	1.00

It is recommended that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C. Motion: X Action:
 Second: X Vote: X

	Motion	2 nd	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Adrienne Grayson	X		X		
Miguel Lujano		X	X		
Thea Quigley			X		
Kathleen Sarmiento			X		
Ozzie Villela			X		
Bryan Ward			X		

No discussion was made. Board approved consent agenda items A-C with a 6-0 vote.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Adoption of Board Policy 326 – Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocols. - pg.11-14

It is recommended that the Board approve Agenda Item A. Motion: X Action:
 Second: X Vote: X

	Motion	2 nd	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Adrienne Grayson			X		
Miguel Lujano			X		
Thea Quigley		X	X		
Kathleen Sarmiento	X		X		
Ozzie Villela			X		
Bryan Ward			X		

New policy presented states Senate Bill 153 requires all LEAs to have this policy for referrals. Deadline to have approved Board Policy is this month. Policy is attached in the packet for all to review. Staff have tailored the policy to our school's unique model. After the policy is approved, leadership will work on the implementation throughout the school. School has until July 1, 2029 to have behavioral health training milestone established. Members of the Board approved the adoption of Board Policy 326 with a vote of 6-0.

B. Approval of Revision to Board Policy 401 – High School Graduation Requirements - pg.15-21



It is recommended that the Board approve Agenda Item B.			Motion: <u> X </u> Action: <u> </u>		
			Second: <u> X </u>	Vote: <u> X </u>	
	Motion	2 nd	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Adrienne Grayson		X	X		
Miguel Lujano			X		
Thea Quigley			X		
Kathleen Sarmiento	X		X		
Ozzie Villela			X		
Bryan Ward			X		

Presented to the Board is a revision to the schools' graduation requirements. The staff have had issues come up a few times, and students can potentially be impacted. Purpose of this revision is to avoid any impact on a student's graduation. The change comes to the English requirements. Currently all students are required to graduate with at least 30 credits in English plus one of Gateway's equivalent courses. Going forward staff would like to add the flexibility to waive the one Gateway class requirement as long as the student has the credits met and equivalent classes completed. Board member Adrienne Grayson noted that RCC course numbers have changed and recommends titles be changed on the Board Policy. Motion was taken to approve Board Policy 401 with edits to course numbers. Board approved motion with a 6-0 vote.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

A. Director's Report - This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

i. Charter Petition Overview - pg.22-24

Miguel Contreras delivered the 900-page charter petition to RCOE last week. He has received good input and guidance from the RCOE staff. Miguel gave a quick overview of the charter petition with the Board. Renewal term is from 2026-2031. Current charter will end June 2026. Miguel stated he was asked to submit a revision to current charter with updates of all the changes Gateway has encountered since 2018, and the new petition. The petition for the renewal included the updates to our current charter and legal updates. The key factor that will be asked to the County Board is if students can access anything like this anywhere else in the county? Gateway has shown sustained improvement for the last 5 years. On March 4, 2026, during the hearing we will have 20 minutes to present petition to the RCOE Board. There will be a public comment section in which Miguel would like supporters to come and speak about Gateway. On April 1, 2026, final reports and recommendation will be presented by the Charter team at RCOE and the Board will give its final vote.

ii. Principal's Report

What's been happening at Gateway presented by Assistant Principal, Andrea Zacarias.



iii. Financial Report - pg.25-36

Financials as of December 31, 2025 present by Samantha Di Salvio.

iv. Enrollment Report

Miguel Contreras stated waitlist as of today is at 39 students. Currently enrollment is at 410 students. Plan is to start as many students as possible on day one of Spring with the potential to add late start cohorts 4-8 weeks after the start.

B. New Business Items from Members

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 8:35 AM.

The next regular Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2026 at 7:30 am.