



## **KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2022**

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1307 Oretha Castle Haley, New Orleans, LA 70113.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

The following members were present: Donnell Bailey, Sherice Clark, Stanwood Duval, Andrew Marsh, Cianjanae Purvis, Larry Washington, Danielle Willis and Bruce Hurley, Jr., (arrived at 5:51 p.m., departed at 6:30 p.m.).

The following members were absent: Roddrick Jones and Steve Usdin.

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Todd Purvis, CAO; Connie Jackson, COS; Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement and Events; Jamiela Sekou, Director of Finance; Ivette Casey, Controller; and Shawanda Raphael, Executive Assistant.

The following guest was present: Amanda Lu, Ph.D. Candidate, Stanford Graduate School of Education.

### **Welcome**

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the June board meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Duval and seconded by Dr. Hurley. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **CEO Report**

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise opened the CEO report by thanking Dr. Hurley and his family for hosting the Alumni dinner, which occurred on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Purvis provided an update on newly appointed school leaders and academic priorities for the 2022-23 school year, including strengthening academic performance and increasing student belongingness. Mr. Purvis also shared current attendance rates across schools and said that busing has normalized. Lastly, Mr. Purvis informed the Board that two schools are preparing for renewal in the 2022-23 school year: KIPP East and KIPP Leadership.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Marsh advised that the Finance Committee met on August 17<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the current FY23 financial position, including a review of the FY23 budget. Ms. Walmsley presented the financial summary, an overview of the projected FY22 adjusted fund balance, and the FY23 financial summary as of August 2022.

### **FY 23 Budget Adoption**

Mr. Marsh advised that Ms. Walmsley would provide an overview of the proposed budget. Ms. Walmsley stated that there have been no changes to the budget that was presented to the board at the June meeting. Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adopt the FY23 budget. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Dr. Hurley. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire

Mr. Marsh advised that in advance of this year's audit, board approval of the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire is required. Mr. Washington introduced a motion to approve the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Dr. Hurley. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Bailey thanked members for their participation in the recent survey. He provided an overview of the survey results and advised that there will be two vacancies in December and a new Vice-Chair will need to be elected. Mr. Bailey shared that committee members are stewarding potential board candidates and he asked members to share with him additional recommendations. With Covid restrictions being lifted, board members will have an opportunity to participate in school-based engagement during the 2022-23 school year.

### Election of New Officer

Mr. Washington advised that Ms. Hitt's recent resignation leaves the secretary position vacant. Mr. Washington recommended Mr. Bailey for the position. Because there was no opposition, he introduced a motion to elect Mr. Bailey. A motion to elect Mr. Bailey as secretary of the board was made by Dr. Hurley and seconded by Mr. Duval. Mr. Bailey abstained from the vote. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Public Comments


There were no public comments.

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Shawanda Raphael

Approved by:

  
Larry Washington, Board President