



KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: October 27, 2022

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, October 27, 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, Cianjanae Purvis, Larry Washington, Danielle Willis (arrived at 6:00 p.m.), Steve Usdin (departed at 6:43 p.m.).

The following members were absent: Stanwood Duval, Jr., Dr. Bruce Hurley, Drew Marsh and Roddrick Jones.

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Todd Purvis, CAO; and Shawanda Raphael, Executive Assistant.

The following guest was present: John Alford, KIPP Foundation.

Welcome

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the August board meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Willis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CEO Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise opened the CEO report by reminding the board that the School Support Center will be moving from the Myrtle Banks Building to the K and B Building in December. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise also previewed the board retreat which is scheduled in January.

Academic Committee Report

Mr. Purvis provided an update that highlighted recent national NAEP data that illustrates academic drops due to the pandemic. Data in New Orleans mirrors the national data. Mr. Purvis reminded the board about this school year's academic priorities: academic acceleration and student belongingness. KNOS is tracking attendance closely. Network-wide, attendance has improved to approximately 90%.

Finance Committee Report

Ms. Willis advised that the Finance Committee met on October 17th and reviewed the current changes in enrollment. Ms. Walmsley presented a review of the FY23 enrollment forecast and capacity before reviewing the current FY23 financial summary.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Bailey advised that several board members had the opportunity to meet with prospective board members Reginald Jackson and Michael Balascio. Members shared feedback about their interactions with the candidates. Mr. Bailey then updated the

board about the KNOS alumni association which is in the initial stages of formation. Ms. Purvis shared more information about the alumni association and advised that KNOS' interest form application will be submitted soon. Additionally, Mr. Bailey advised that Dr. Hurley will host the alumni dinner in January. Mr. Bailey advised that fall school tours will be scheduled before the Thanksgiving break. Lastly, Mr. Bailey reminded board members that they must complete their annual ethics training by the end of the year.

Election of Directors

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to elect Reginald Jackson as a board member of the KNOS Board of Directors. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Willis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to elect Michael Balascio as a board member of the KNOS Board of Directors. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Usdin and seconded by Mr. Bailey. 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 6:51 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Purvis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:


Shawanda Raphael


Larry Washington, Board President