



KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2023

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1055 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70130.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

The following members were present: Donnell Bailey, Michael Balascio, Sherice Clark, Reginald Jackson, Drew Marsh, Cianjanae Purvis, and Larry Washington.

The following members were absent: Bruce Hurley and Danielle Willis.

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

There were no guests present at the meeting.

Welcome

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the January retreat. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CEO Report/Academic Committee Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise opened the combined CEO and Academic Committee Report. She provided information from two KNOS students who are participating in a fundraising campaign. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise then provided details regarding the current safety and security discussion including updates from a recent press conference outlining efforts to provide security for Mardi Gras parades. She included an update on current truancy affecting all Orleans Parish schools. Mr. Purvis outlined KNOS' internal security plans for Mardi Gras parades. KNOS has over 500 students participating in 45 parades.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Marsh reported that the Finance Committee met on February 6th. He advised that KNOS' annual audit has been filed with the State of Louisiana and there are no deficiencies in internal controls. Ms. Walmsley reviewed the current FY23 financial summary and provided an update on enrollment.

Resolution Authorizing Contract Signatories

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to modify the contract signatories of KIPP New Orleans Schools. The resolution outlines the employees authorized to sign contracts and service agreements and the maximum allowed contract values associated therewith as listed below:

- School Leaders, School Operations Leaders, and Directors who serve as departmental budget owners up to a value of \$4,999.99.
- Managing Director of School Operations and Director of Finance up to a value of \$24,999.99.

- Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Academic Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief of Staff as follows: up to a value of \$7,999,999.99 for goods and services pertaining to transportation, food service, custodial/lawn, and maintenance (*), and up to a value of \$999,999.99 for goods and services other than transportation, food service, custodial, and maintenance.
- (*) Contracts valued at \$1,000,000.00 or greater require signatures from two Chief Officers.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Bailey. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Credit Line

Mr. Washington introduced a resolution to renew the credit line and requested a motion from the Board to entrust management with the authority to extend KNOS's no-cost line of credit with Hancock Whitney Bank. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Hancock Whitney Resolution Authorizing Bank Signatories

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to authorize bank signatories on all bank accounts held by KIPP New Orleans, Inc. Ms. Walmsley advised that there is no change in the designated signatories, but Hancock Whitney requires a resolution from the board to include the name of Ms. Casey, KNOS Controller, to the accounts. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Bailey. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Bailey thanked board members who participated in the tours of Frederick A. Douglass High School. The board then discussed the effects of deferred maintenance on the school campus. The board requested a deep dive discussion regarding deferred maintenance at a future meeting. Mr. Bailey then provided an update on board member terms. Lastly, Mr. Bailey shared feedback from the survey results from the board retreat held in January.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:


Shawanda Raphael


Larry Washington, Board President