



KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2023

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, April 20, 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 (departed at 7:17 p.m.), Sherice Clark, Bruce Hurley (arrived at 5:57 p.m.), Reginald Jackson, Cianjanae Purvis, Larry Washington, and Danielle Willis.

The following members were absent: Drew Marsh.

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Todd Purvis, CAO; Ivette Casey, Controller; Jamiela Sekou, Director of Finance; Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement and Events; Mark Burton, Director of Growth and Strategic Projects; Cerise Martin, Director of Community Engagement and Governmental Relations; and Shawanda Raphael, Executive Assistant.

The following guests were present: John Alford, KIPP Foundation; Dana Peterson, CEO, New Schools for New Orleans.

Welcome

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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

CEO Report/Academic Committee Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise opened the CEO Report. She introduced guest speaker, Dana Peterson, CEO of New Schools for New Orleans. Mr. Peterson gave a presentation detailing Senate Bill 25.

Finance Committee Report

Ms. Willis reported that the Finance Committee met on April 20th and reviewed the current financial summary. Ms. Walmsley presented the current FY23 financial summary and provided an update on enrollment.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Washington called for a motion to amend the meeting agenda to include a vote on a new board member. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Dr. Hurley. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Election of New Board Member

Mr. Bailey reported that several board members recently met with prospective board member Shana Handy (parent of both a Douglass High School graduate and a current KIPP Believe student). Members shared feedback about their meetings with Ms. Handy. Mr. Washington introduced a motion to elect Shana Handy as a board member of the KNOS Board of Directors. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Dr. Hurley. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Lastly, Mr. Bailey reminded board members to complete their annual Tier 3 Financial Disclosure statements, their annual conflict of interest forms, and to update their contact information if necessary.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shawanda Raphael

Approved by:


Larry Washington, Board President