



### **KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: June 15, 2023**

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1055 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70130.

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 p.m.

The following members were present: Michael Balascio, Sherice Clark, Bruce Hurley, Reginald Jackson, Cianjanae Purvis, Larry Washington, Danielle Willis, and Donnell Bailey (via telephone, departed at 5:57 p.m.).

The following members were absent: Shana Handy and Drew Marsh.

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

The following guests were present: John Alford, KIPP Foundation; Monica Cadou, Director of School Accountability, NOLA Public Schools.

#### **Welcome**

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting. He offered Ms. Cadou an opportunity to introduce herself to the board. Ms. Cadou advised that she was the Director of School Accountability for NOLA Public Schools and would observe the board meeting as a part of KNOS' charter school accountability requirements. Mr. Washington advised that Mr. Bailey was participating in the meeting via telephone and would like to provide the Governance and Nominating Committee Report at the start of the meeting. Mr. Washington called for a motion to amend the meeting agenda to allow the Governance and Nominating Committee Report to be presented first on the agenda. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the members physically present at the meeting. Mr. Bailey abstained from the vote due to his participation via telephone.

#### **Governance and Nominating Committee Report**

Mr. Bailey advised via telephone that he was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to provide an update. Shana Handy has completed the new member orientation. Mr. Bailey advised that he will be contacting board members to schedule check-in meetings. Additionally, Ms. Purvis provided detailed of upcoming events that board members are invited to attend, including the Alumni Crawfish Boil on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Frederick A. Douglass High, the KNOS Welcome Back Kick-Off on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Booker T. Washington High and the Annual Alumni Dinner at Dr. Hurley's home on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Calendar invitations will follow.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Hurley and seconded by Ms. Willis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **CEO Report/Academic Committee Report**

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise opened the CEO Report. She advised that Mr. Purvis would provide an update on data and academic progress, outline academic priorities, and provide regional safety and security updates. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise also shared the summer communication to families which detailed the weapons detection system and clear backpack initiatives that will be implemented

at all schools for the upcoming school year. Mr. Purvis shared a presentation that detailed student growth, including primary literacy, middle school math and high school literacy. Mr. Purvis also outlined the annual regional priorities which include strengthening academic performance and increasing student belongingness.

**Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Willis advised that the Finance Committee meeting for this month was postponed due to scheduling conflicts. Ms. Walmsley presented a report outlining the current FY 23 financial summary.

**FY 24 Budget Presentation**

Ms. Walmsley presented an overview of the budget for FY 24, including details of budgeted revenues and expenses, as well as enrollment analysis and forecasts.

**Resolution Authorizing the Application for the School Facility Preservation Program Capital Fund Grant**

Ms. Walmsley advised that a resolution was required to approve the submission of two capital improvement fund grants for crucial projects at Frederick A. Douglass High School and KIPP Central City Primary (Sylvanie Williams building). Mr. Washington introduced a motion to authorize the application to be submitted to NOLA Public Schools. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Dr. Hurley. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution Authorizing Bank Signatories**

Mr. Washington introduced the resolutions to authorize bank signatories on the Hancock Whitney accounts held by KIPP New Orleans, Inc. The resolutions update the signatories to list the new school leaders at KNOS schools and to update the designated staff responsible for management services and purchasing card authority. A motion to approve all related Hancock Whitney resolutions was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Balascio. A comment from the public was made by Ms. Cadou, who asked board members to confirm they had received electronic copies of documentation for all resolutions as hard copies of the individual account resolutions were not provided at the meeting. Mr. Washington confirmed that all resolutions were provided to board members in the pre-read documents that were disseminated before the meeting and all members acknowledged that they had the opportunity to review the resolutions and reviewed them during the meeting electronically. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

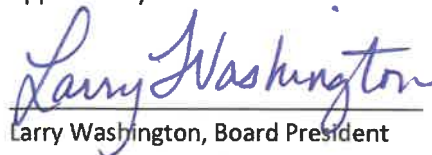
Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen Chawla

Approved by:



Larry Washington, Board President