



KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: August 24, 2023

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1055 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70130.

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m.

The following members were present: Donnell Bailey, Sherice Clark, Larry Washington, Danielle Willis, Reggie Jackson, Michael Balascio, Shana Handy, Drew Marsh (arrived at 6:00 p.m.) and Cianjanae Purvis (departed at 6:30 p.m.).

The following member was absent: Bruce Hurley

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Todd Purvis, CAO; Ivette Casey, Controller; Kristen DeLeon, Director of Grants, Development & Administration; and Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement and Events.

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 Ms. Willis and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CEO Report and Academic Update

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise opened the CEO report by highlighting the strong start of the school year across all campuses and that schools already feel energetic and productive. Mr. Purvis presented the academic update which included an overview of the 2022-23 LEAP scores and an overview of the two schools participating in the renewal process this year (KIPP East and KIPP Leadership). He shared the strong attendance data from across the network which is significantly higher than in years past and again, emphasized the excitement about the strong start of the school year.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Marsh advised that the Finance Committee met on August 19th to review the current FY24 financial position, including the FY24 budget. Ms. Walmsley presented the financial summary, an overview of the projected FY23 adjusted fund balance, and the FY24 financial summary as of August 2023. Members participated in a robust conversation about enrollment numbers, potential positive impacts to the budget and an increase in accountability for funding that the KNOS Finance Team will continue to experience for the foreseeable future.

FY24 Budget Adoption

Ms. Walmsley stated there have been no changes to the FY24 budget that was presented to the board at the June meeting. Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adopt the budget. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Ms. Willis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire

Ms. Walmsley 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 Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Bailey. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Bailey provided a committee report coming out of their afternoon meeting. Mr. Marsh and Mr. Bailey have terms that are expiring, and neither will renew their terms. Ms. Willis’s term expires at the end of the year, and she is eligible for and will seek election to her second term. Members discussed the importance of building a new member pipeline in addition to stewarding existing potential candidates.

Officer terms are expiring at the end of the year as well. The proposed slate of officers to serve a two-year term are:

- Larry Washington – Chair
- Danielle Willis – Vice-Chair
- Reggie Jackson – Treasure
- Sherice Clark - Secretary

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

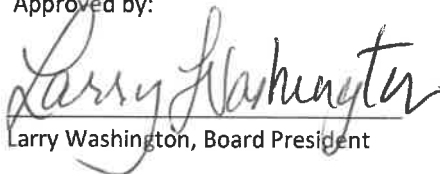
Mr. Washington introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Balascio. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen Chawla

Approved by:



Larry Washington, Board President