

KIPP New Orleans Schools Board January Session Minutes: January 15, 2021

A public session of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Friday, January 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. virtually via Zoom.

The session started at 8:34 a.m.

The following members were present: Donnell Bailey, Larry Washington, Roddrick Jones, Sherice Clark, Lauren Hitt, Drew Marsh, Stanwood Duval, Kelt Kindick, Danielle Willis, Robert Hudson, and Steven Usdin.

The following member was absent: Bruce Hurley.

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Joey LaRoche, CSO; Todd Purvis, CAO; and Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement & Events.

The following guest was present: Krystal Allen, Founder and CEO, K. Allen Consulting.

Welcome

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the January session and thanked everyone for participating.

CEO Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise provided an update about schools that included: the swift change to virtual instruction at the start of the semester; the small number of students who remain in-person which include those with the highest academic need and are at risk; and NOLA PS will make an announcement later in the month about the expected timeline for students to return to school in-person. She also reported that the school-based clinical staff, and those who work with students with severe disabilities, are eligible for the vaccine based on their role. She is hopeful that all teachers soon will be eligible.

Session - Introduction to DEI

Krystal Allen led the board session, and introduction, to DEI training. This training will continue when the board can once again convene in person. Ms. Allen began with an overview of session norms. She outlined a shared vocabulary and provided definitions for the words that will be used in training. She encouraged everyone to think about the board's vision to support KNOS. She shared key objectives to address in the future session that include 1) building our awareness, 2) making a clear vision and plan, and 3) monitoring our progress.

The session ended at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Kristen Chawla

Larry Washington, Board President