# KIPP New Orleans Board Meeting May 21, 2019

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans (KNOS) was held Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at KIPP Believe, 3815 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122.

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 pm. The following Board members were present: Larry Washington, Stan Duval, Robert Hudson, Lauren Hitt, Jodi Aamodt, Donnell Bailey, Kelt Kindick, and Drew Marsh who arrived at 7:04.

The following Board members were absent: Steve Usdin, Bruce V. Hurley, Toya Barnes-Teamer, and Sherice Clark.

The following KNOS staff members were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Elizabeth Masten, COO; Joey LaRoche, CSO; Todd Purvis, CAO; Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement & Events; Donna Paramore, Director of Development, and Neia Limar, Executive Assistant.

The following guests were present: John Alford, KIPP Foundation and Matt Lehigh, Laitrum.

Mr. Washington welcomed board members, staff, and guests to the meeting.

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise greeted attendees and offered a tour of the facility upon the close of the meeting. She then introduced two new staff members, Elizabeth Masten and Donna Paramore.

Ms. Masten greeted attendees and shared details of her professional background.

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# **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Washington introduced a vote to approve the Board's February meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Aamodt and seconded by Mr. Duval. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Washington presented a motion to proceed with the meeting in a different order that proposed on the agenda to allow Mr. Marsh time to arrive to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kindick. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

#### **Academic Committee Report**

Mr. Purvis presented the Academic Committee report, which included an overview of state testing processes at the schools, preliminary MAP data, and schools up for renewal in 2020. Mr. Purvis presented on preliminary K-2 data, cohort growth data across grade levels, and overall MAP performance. He shared the KIPP Morial, KIPP Central City, and KIPP Believe are up for renewal. KIPP Booker T. Washington is up for extension in 2020.

## **Development Committee Report**

Ms. Aamodt delivered the Development Committee report. She shared the news regarding the funds raised from the Spring Gala and the overall success of the event, Give NOLA Day funds raised, and information regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KIPP Summit in Houston (she offered a printout of the schedule of events). Ms. Kalifey-Aluise informed the group that Donnell Bailey will be the keynote speaker.

#### **Strategic Planning Committee Report**

Mr. Kindick turned over the lead of this discussion to Ms. Kalifey-Aluise who updated the group about recent talks with Bain & Co. She summarized the topics covered in the meetings with Bain thus far, including East Baton Rouge Parish expansion and expected goals for KNOS as a result of consultations with Bain.

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

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise presented the Parent/Alumni Board Membership Requirement for discussion. She discussed the process of nominating a candidate for consideration.

# **Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Walmsley opened the Finance Committee's report. Ms. Walmsley first reviewed the financial summary that was prepared for the April Board Meeting, which demonstrated that the balance was higher than the February projection due to citywide percentages of SPED students in the funding formula not having increased as much as we were conservatively prepared for. Ms. Walmsley then presented a current financial summary, which demonstrated that the organization had put a spending plan in place to utilize available funds, in particular to prepare the Sylvanie Williams facility to be the permanent home of KIPP Central City Primary.

## **FY19 Revised Budget Presentation**

Ms. Walmsley then provided an overview of the near-complete FY20 budget, demonstrating the organization plans to increase the number of students served in 2019-20 and operating expenses accordingly, largely due to a new 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at KIPP East Community, a new 12<sup>th</sup> grade class at Booker T. Washington High School, and new Pre-K sections at several of our LEAs.

#### **Resolution Authorizing Contract Signatories**

Ms. Walmsley presented a motion to pass the Resolution Authorizing Contract Signatories of KIPP New Orleans Inc. The motion was discussed and it was agreed upon to amend the resolution, adding the requirement of two signatories for contracts valued at \$1,000,000.01 and above. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Duval and seconded by Ms. Aamodt. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Washington and Ms. Aamodt departed the meeting at 7:03pm Mr. Marsh arrived at 7:06pm

### **CEO Report**

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise incorporated her report with the Strategic Planning Committee Report and presented nothing additional.

Mr. Duval motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded by Ms. Hitt. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,	Approved by:
Neia Limar	Larry Washington, Board Chairman