



KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: June 13, 2024

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1055 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30.

The following members were present: Michael Balascio, Sherice Clark, Barrett Green, Shana Handy (departed at 6:20 p.m.), Bruce Hurley (arrived at 6:00 p.m. and departed at 6:40 p.m.), Reggie Jackson, Jay Mussell, Cianjanae Purvis and Larry Washington.

The following members were absent: Ileana Ledet, Ravi Sangisetty, and Danielle Willis.

The following guest was in attendance: Trenell Jackson, NOLA PS.

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

Mr. Washington welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Washington introduced a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Green. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CEO Report

Ms. Kalifey Aluise shared an overview of the end-of-year academic highlights. She then presented the outcomes from the recent Strategic Planning work with Attuned Education Partners. The KNOS Leadership Team identified 6 strategic priorities to help achieve the organization's mission. She also shared the set of metrics used to assess progress and the impact of the strategic plan. The board then discussed the additional data they would like to review during their academic deep dive at the annual retreat.

The updated BESE accountability plan was shared, along with school-specific data to illustrate its impact on the schools in the KNOS network.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Jackson shared that the Finance Committee met earlier in the week. Ms. Walmsley shared the finalized FY25 budget and reminded the members that they would vote to approve the FY25 budget during the August meeting.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

The board discussed continued cultivation of potential board members, including the opportunity to bring community members in for school tours.

General Public Comments

Ms. Jackson thanked everyone for welcoming her to the meeting.

Mr. Washington asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Mussell and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kristen Chawla

Approved by:

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Larry Washington, Board President