



### **KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2025**

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the regional offices of KIPP New Orleans Schools, 1055 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70130. The meeting was hosted remotely via a Teams link.

The meeting started at 5:31 p.m.

The following members were present: Michael Balascio, Sherice Clark, Barrett Green, Shana Handy, Reggie Jackson, Ileana Ledet, Cianjanae Purvis, Ravi Sangisetty (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Jordan Vaughn (arrived at 5:34 p.m.) and Larry Washington.

The following members were absent: Jay Mussell and Danielle Willis.

There were no guests in attendance.

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

### **Welcome**

Mr. Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **CEO Report:**

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise shared a brief report on student, teacher and staff highlights which included a recognition of the numerous team members who have served at KNOS for 5 – 20 years, recent high school graduations, college matriculation and total scholarship dollars earned by the 2025 graduating class.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Green and Ms. Walmsley provided a summary of the Wednesday, June 11 Finance Committee meeting which included the FY25 fund balance and the proposed FY26 budget. KNOS is finishing FY25 in a position that requires a minimal dip into the fund balance. This is a stronger outcome than initially predicted.

KNOS will enter FY26 with a stronger starting point in resources than previously predicted. However, declining federal, state, and local revenues continue to be a challenge. The FY26 budget was shared in detail with the board and is available for public review at the SSC. While KNOS will be operating at a deficit, student academics, culture and experiences will remain top priorities.

### **Resolution Authorizing Bank Signatories**

Bank signatories need to be updated to reflect the three new school leaders for the 2025–26 school year. Mr. Jackson introduced a motion to approve the bank signatories. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Washington. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution Authorizing Facilities Improvements**

Ms. Walmsley provided context for the resolution; although NOLA PS will be funding and managing the projects, board approval for such facility projects is required. Mr. Jackson presented a resolution asking the board to authorize facility improvements at four school campuses. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Balascio. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Board Governance**

Mr Balascio provided a summary of the Governance and Nominating Committee meeting that was held prior to the board meeting. The committee discussed the current financial needs of the organization and what role the board should play in fund raising.

**Public Comments**

There were no guests in attendance.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Jackson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Ms. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

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Kristen Chawla

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Danielle Willis, Board President