



### **KIPP New Orleans Schools Board Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2026**

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 1055 St. Charles Ave., Suite 400, New Orleans, LA 70130. The meeting was also offered remotely via a Teams link.

The following members were present: Michael Balascio, Sherice Clark, Reggie Jackson, Cianjanae Purvis, Larry Washington and Danielle Willis.

The following members were absent: Barrett Green, Ileana Ledet, Jay Mussell, Ravi Sangisetty and Jordan Vaughn.

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Todd Purvis, CAO; Katie Walmsley, CFO, Towana Pierre-Floyd, Managing Director of High Schools; and Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement and Events.

The following guests were present: Lee Reid, attorney at Adams & Reese and several members of the public attended in person and one guest attended virtually.

#### **Welcome**

Ms. Willis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Before a quorum was present and the official start of the meeting, Ms. Willis asked Mr. Purvis to have an informal discussion with those gathered about the shared academic and instructional as well as non-instructional highlights across the organization that included the joy experienced across campuses through performances and presentations and themed dress days.

Once there was a quorum, Ms. Willis called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Ms Willis asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Balascio and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Academic Report**

Mr. Purvis shared academic gains, ongoing test prep and readiness for end-of-year testing.

#### **Finance Committee Report**

In the absence of Mr. Green, Mr. Jackson and Ms. Walmsley provided a summary of Wednesday's Finance Committee Meeting about the current FY26 budget as well as anticipated declines in the FY27 budgeted revenues primarily due to decreased enrollment. She also discussed the importance of merging schools and the anticipated costs associated with building construction.

#### **Approval Contracting for Woodson Capital Project**

Ms. Willis introduced a motion to approve the capital project at Woodson to renovate the interior of the building to accommodate Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, with an expected cost in excess of \$500,000.00, and to authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary contracts to implement the project. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Washington. After board discussion of the proposal, and time for public comment, the motion to adopt the proposed resolution was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Willis introduced a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Balascio and seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned.

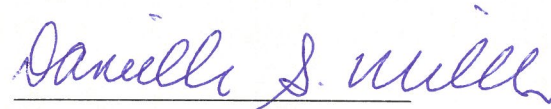
After the meeting, Ms. Willis welcomed guests to introduce themselves and address the board. Several spoke about their experiences as graduates and as parents and relatives of Frederick A. Douglass High School students. They wanted to share their sadness over the merger while also expressing gratitude to the leadership for making decisions that are best for students.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kristen Chawla

Approved by:

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Danielle Willis, Board President