

KIPP New Orleans Schools Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2019

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the Board) of KIPP New Orleans Schools (KNOS) was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 5:45 p.m. at the KNOS School Support Center, Myrtle Banks Building at 1307 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m.

The following members were present: Larry Washington, Steven Usdin, Donnell Bailey (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Jodi Aamodt, Stanwood Duvall, Bruce Hurley, Drew Marsh (arrived at 5:53 p.m.), Kelt Kindick, and Lauren Hitt.

The following members were absent: Robert Hudson, Toya Barnes-Teamer, and Sherice Clark

The following members of KNOS staff were present: Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CEO; Katie Walmsley, CFO; Todd Purvis, CAO; Javier Cortez, Director of Finance; Katharine Schweighardt, Managing Director of School Operations; Brad Rosenblat, Managing Director of Finance and Accounting; and Kristen Chawla, Director of Engagement & Events.

The following guests were present: John Alford, KIPP Foundation.

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

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Because Mr. Marsh was not yet in attendance to begin the Finance Report, Ms. Kalifey-Aluise began the meeting with a report from the Governance and Nominating Committee. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise discussed that the board will transition to a new Governance and Nominating Committee chair as the previous chair rolled off the board in December.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Washington introduced a vote to approve the Board's December meeting minutes and the January retreat minutes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Usdin and seconded by Mr. Duval. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Academic Committee Report

Mr. Purvis presented the Academic Committee report, which included a review of letter grades by LEA. Due to last year's high enrollment of new to KIPP students, schools letter grades were impacted. Those who have been with KIPP longer have higher student performance scores. He also discussed the importance of retaining students and families from year to year. Mr. Purvis then reviewed the Pre-K data initially shared at the January retreat. Mr. Purvis discussed the K-2 literacy vision, provided mid-year goals report card, and current growth scores which are 10.2 percentile points higher than we were at this time a year ago.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Marsh opened the Finance Committee's report. Ms. Walmsley reviewed the financial summary and that the balance is higher than projected due to a variety of factors. Those include a higher percentage of SPED students, block grants coming in higher than projected, and re-budgeting areas of the School Support Center based on current staffing. Ms. Walmsley also reviewed the facilities plan for Central City Primary which will move to Sylvania Williams, the return of Central City Middle to the Woodson building and KIPP Booker T. Washington's move to their new facility at the original site of the Booker T. Washington High School.

Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Credit Line

Mr. Marsh introduced the resolution to renew the credit line. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise and Ms. Walmsley were authorized to execute the renewal documents on behalf of KNOS. Mr. Marsh then introduced a motion to approve the renewal of the credit line and Mr. Kindick seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Development Committee Report

Ms. Aamodt delivered the Development Committee report. The 2019 gala is on March 22 and is already set to be well attended. Ms. Aamodt invited the board to invite two guests to attend as compliments of KNOS.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Mr. Kindick presented the Strategic Planning Committee Report. Bain Consulting Group will work with KNOS over the next four months to develop a strategic plan and decision about opening schools in Baton Rouge in the future.

CEO Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise presented the CEO report. Ms. Kalifey-Aluise reminded the Board that KNOS is submitting charter school applications to East Baton Rouge Parish. She presented KNOS updates and highlights across the region and proposed dates for FY20 KNOS Board meeting dates.

General Public Comments

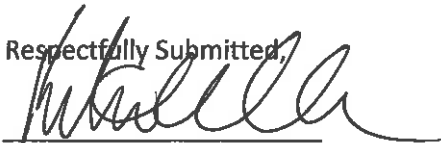
Mr. Washington recognized that there were no guests in attendance and therefore, no comments.

Executive Session: CEO Evaluation

Following the conclusion of the CEO report, Mr. Washington asked for a motion to hold an executive session. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kindick and Seconded by Mr. Usdin. The motion passed by unanimously by voice vote. KNOS staff exited the room for the Executive Session and CEO Evaluation.

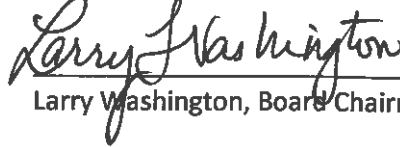
Following the Executive Session, Mr. Kindick made a motion to end the meeting and Mr. Duval seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and Mr. Washington adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen Chawla

Approved by:



Larry Washington, Board Chairman