

KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools

KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools Board Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023

9:00am- 12:00pm

KIPP Atlanta Collegiate

98 Anderson Avenue, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Board Members Present: Rick Deane (virtual), Gayle Burnett (virtual), Hector Calzada, Frank Glover, David Jernigan, Jamina Cole King, Linda King (virtual), Zane Major (virtual), JaKathryn Ross, and Deb Sudbury (virtual)

Honorary Board Members Present: Joe Arnold, Tom Avery, Jim Bostic, Kathe Brown, Sidney Childress (virtual), Craig Jones, and Dennis Love

Staff Members Present: Chelsea Bradshaw, Nyere Brown, Ben Cabeza, Alexis Durr, Ra'Chel Ford, Nikki Goodson, Lawrence Harris, Hannah Page, Lakeesha Ramdhanie, Mini'imah Shaheed, Kelly Shields, Dr. Jamaul Thomas, Terra Walker, Authur Washington, and Ali Wilson

KIPP Alumna /Student Present: Warren Trawick

The meeting was called to order at 9:13am.

1. Welcome & Agenda Review (Rick Deane)

- a. Rick Deane welcomed the Board and informed members that he was currently in Chicago attending the KIPP National Meeting for all Board Chairs across the US. He continued with a review of the agenda. A quorum was established.
- b. Rick asked for a motion to authorize JaKathryn Ross to proceed as Board Chair in service for the October 25, 2023, Board meeting.
- c. A motion was made by Jamina Cole King and seconded by Frank Glover. All members voted in the affirmative.
- d. JaKathryn welcomed the group which was proceeded by a brief review of the agenda led by Mini'mah Shaheed.

2. Mission Moment (Mini'imah Shaheed)

- a. Mini'imah welcomed Athletics Director, Nyere Brown, and scholar athlete, Warren Trawick. Coach Brown shared updates related to KIPP's Athletics program and his personal testimony of being an athlete and the opportunities athletics provided. Warren Trawick, a cross country and track scholar athlete, shared his journey as KIPP scholar athlete.

3. Board Chair Updates & Consent (Mini'imah Shaheed and JaKathryn Ross)

- a. A motion was made by Jim Bostic and seconded by Hector Calzada to approve the August 23, 2023, board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. JaKathryn provided the Board with details around the on-site fingerprinting opportunity available during the board meeting. Mini'imah informed existing and new governing board members of the board training requirements and opportunities.
- c. JaKathryn offered biographic information for prospective board member, Rachel McCarthy, to which, the Committee of Directors provided a unanimous vote of support and recommendation of an interim term.
- d. A motion was made by Jim Bostic and seconded by Joe Arnold to have Rachel McCarthy serve as an interim board member through June 2024 with a revote in July 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CEO Updates (Mini'imah Shaheed)

- a. *Gratitude:* Mini'imah shared gratitude with the Board for the following:
 - Thank you to Catherine Mealor for Lego donation to KMAS scholars.
 - Gratitude to board members, honorary board members and guests for attending two engaging school bus tours held on September 27th [KIPP South Fulton Academy and KIPP Woodson Park Academy] and October 4th [KIPP Atlanta Collegiate and KIPP Vision campus].
- b. *Dashboard*
 - Mini'imah and the regional leaders shared updates on enrollment, matriculation, finance, development, talent and charter renewal.
- c. *KIPP Happenings*
 - Mini'imah announced the Georgia Department of Education's recognition of KIPP STRIVE Primary as being only 1 of 3 Atlanta Public Schools to achieve the honor of being a Title I Reward School. In addition, KIPP Atlanta Collegiate is 1 of 8 high schools within Atlanta Public Schools to have a graduation rate of greater than 90%. Mini'imah further discussed the launch of KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools mobile app that features multiple resources for all stakeholders. Announcement of KIPP Forward's 5th Annual Care Package donation drive was presented. News of Kelly Shields departure from KIPP Metro Atlanta Schools was announced and sentiments of gratitude and appreciation were shared by both Hector and Mini'imah.

5. Academic Baseline Data

- a. Board members transitioned into data breakout sessions. The sessions were led by Lakeesha Ramdhanie, Chief of Schools, and Ben Cabeza, Chief of Strategy where discussions centered around the shift from STAR to MAP assessment, MAP Growth, achievement baselines and projections.

6. 2023-2024 Wildly Important

- a. Ben guided dialogue around our 2023-2024 Wildly Important, Culture while ensuring the continued monitoring of our prior year's Wildly Important, Attendance.

7. Audit Discussion + Consent

- a. Information related to the recent finance audit was presented by Hector and Kelly. Kelly recommended approval of the audit.

- b. A motion was made by Jamina Cole King and seconded by Jim Bostic to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Board Chair Reflections

- a. JaKathryn expressed gratitude for the opportunity of standing in as Board Chair for the October 25, 2023, Board meeting.
- b. Mini'imah reminded the Board of upcoming board meetings and expressed a continuance of gratitude towards Kelly and her work for KIPP families, scholars and staff.

9. Next Steps and Close

- a. JaKathryn Ross encouraged in-person attendance to ensure future quorum.
- b. A motion was made by Hector Calzada and seconded by Jim Bostic to adjourn the board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Goodson, Director of Special Projects.