

KIPP ATLANTA SCHOOLS

KIPP Atlanta Schools Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: 1038 White Street Suite D1 Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Zoom Link: <https://kippmetroatlanta-org.zoom.us/j/82768162016>

Board Members Present: Hector Calzada, Richard H. Deane Jr., Frank Glover, David Jernigan, Catherine Mealor, Rachel McCarthy, Stacey Mohr, JaKathryn Ross, Deb Sudbury

Honorary Board Members Present: Joe Arnold, Craig Jones, Sidney Childress, Dennis Love, Kathe Brown

Zoom Participants: Jamina Cole-King, Stephen Councill, Jim Bostic, Tom Avery, Benjamin Cabeza

Staff Members Present: Lakeesha Ramdhanie, Ra'Chel Ford, Terra Walker Jean-Louis

The meeting was called to order at **3:03PM**

8 Board members present; quorum is met

1. Welcome & Agenda Review (Richard H. Deane Jr.)

- a. The meeting was called to order by Richard H. Deane Jr a motion was made by Deborah Sudbury and Stacey Mohr seconded the motion.

2. Board Chair Consent & Updates (Richard H. Deane Jr.)

- a. A vote was conducted to **Approve Consent items**
- b. A motion to approve consent items was made by **Stacey Mohr** and seconded by **Deborah Sudbury.**
- c. **Richard H. Deane Updates**
 - i. Linda King transition
 - ii. Board member contributions - everyone must have contributed financially for the current school year. We are contemplating a capital campaign but have no grounds to do so if every board member has not contributed.
 1. Give and Get - counts as a contribution, not only personal contribution
 - iii. Board Meeting Survey for 2025-26 - Rick asked each board member to complete this survey that is in the folder and submit it.

3. CEO Updates (delivered by Ra'Chel Ford)

- i. Troy Williams - new Deputy COO
- ii. Tanaya Washington - new Principal of KIPP Vision Campus
 1. Kathe spoke about both Principal Washington joining her at an anti-semitism event.
- iii. Dashboard
 1. Attendance

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- a. Shared details of winter initiatives that support scholars coming to school in the colder months; we are better off this year than we were last year
- b. The strategy is to remain below 30% for the year. Question from Hector re: APS - around 32%
2. Enrollment
 - a. Have a slight gap; we anticipate this and have a contingency built in to account for this.
3. Finance
 - a. Meeting targets
4. Graduation Rate
 - a. continue to move forward with the anticipated graduation rate being above what we met last year
5. Impact
6. Talent
7. Academics
 - a. CSI Designations
 - b. New designations - Soul Academy and Vision Academy
 - i. for special education subgroups
 - ii. designations based on lagging data and on last year's Milestones. Prior to the new designations, initiated things to address it - Principal leadership changes, special education handbook, CEO/DCEO Model, partnership with Thrive
 - iii. TSI Cut Scores Slide
 1. Question: 3 of our schools are shown to be making progress. What about the other 3?
 - a. MAP results are demonstrating improvement across the board; next round of MAP will be taken in late March
 - b. Gave clarification on our new leveling and looking forward to the impact of receiving scores based on traditional grade levels.
 - iv. Special Education Population Slide
 - v. Targeted Supports for TSI Schools
 1. Partnership with Bobby Smith
 2. The supports in place have no impact on the designations as these are lagging results.
 3. Shared graph of Winter MAP Highlights and growth; gave comparison to where we were last year
 - vi. Fund Balance Initiatives
 1. ACT

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- a. Question: Is this in the budget? It is a stipend position
 2. Chronic Absenteeism
 - a. Question: Are we still providing buses for targeted populations? Yes we still hve one at each school and we also provide van support for some scholars
 3. Executive Restructuring
 4. Impact Study
 5. Literacy
 - a. Did we budget for this current year? Yes it creates a variance so we used it for Ignite programming for this year until we are fully hired in the coming school year
 - b. How are we tracking data re: bus service and its impact? Yes, with Colombia?
 6. Principal Instructional Time
 - a. Question: what is the status with this? All hav been hired
- 4. Close & Transition (Richard H. Deane Jr.)**
- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **Hector** made a motion to adjourn, and **Stacey** seconded the motion
 - b. The motion passed unanimously
 - c. Rick proposed allowing Honorary Board Members to remain for the executive session. **Jamina Cole King** made a motion to adjourn, and **Hector Calzada** seconded the motion
 - d. The motion passed unanimously
 - e. The meeting adjourned at 3:41PM
 - f. Respectfully submitted by Lakeesha Ramdhanie
- 5. Executive Session (Executive Committee)**
- 6. Close**