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KIPP Atlanta Schools Special Board Meeting

Date July 30, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: 1050 White Street Suite C, Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/8196287613>

Board Members Present: Frank Glover, Richard H. Deane Jr., Joseph Arnold, JaKathryn Ross, Stephen Council, Stacey Mohr, David Jernigan, Dawn Griffin & Zane Major

Honorary Board Members Present: Kathe Brown, Jim Bostic, Dennis Love (Virtual), Sid Harris (Virtual), Marni Mohr (Virtual)

Staff Members Present: Jamaul Thomas, Justin Anderson, Lakeesha Ramdhanie, Ra'Chel Ford, Ben Cabeza, Kyla Byas-Smith, Troy Williams,

Other Attendees: Chris Adams (Attorney)

Description of Discussion:

The KIPP Atlanta Schools Board convened a Special Board Meeting on July 30 to review key governance and operational items in preparation for the 2025–26 school year. The meeting opened with a review and approval of the June 4 meeting minutes, as well as Letters of Assurance for both Fulton County Schools and Atlanta Public Schools. The Board Chair then provided updates on the CEO Search process and upcoming 2025–26 school year kickoff activities. The meeting concluded with an executive session focused on regional real estate leases.

The meeting was called to order at **3:05** by the Board Chair, Joseph Arnold

I. Welcome & Agenda

- a. A discussion was had regarding the agenda for the Board Meeting

II. Consent

- a. June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. Fulton County Schools Letters of Assurance
- c. Atlanta Public Schools Letter of Assurance
- d. Vote
 - i. A vote was conducted to approve the above-mendoned task force
 - ii. Joseph Arnold called for a modon to approve consent items, which was approved by David Jernigan, and Richard H. Deane Jr. seconded the modon
 - iii. The modon was approved unanimously, with no abstendons, and none opposed

III. Public Comment- 3 minutes per 7 speaking persons

- a. There are no public comment speakers

IV. Discussion Highlights:

a. Board Chair Updates

- i. CEO Search
 - 1. Board Chair reviewed the current search committee
 - a. Committee includes Joseph Arnold, Richard H. Deane Jr. David Jernigan, JaKathryn Ross & Hector Calzada
 - 2. The Search Firm being utilized is Edgility
 - 3. Board Chair reviewed the structure of the search process timeline

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b. 2024-25SY Kickoff Activities

- i. A discussion was had regarding key summer dates
- ii. A discussion was had regarding the launch of the Novel ELA and Fishtank curriculum.
- iii. A discussion was had regarding the operations update as it relates to the Vision campus move being complete.
- iv. A discussion was had regarding enrollment status for August 4 the first day of school

V. Executive Session

- a. Joseph Arnold made a motion to allow Honorary Board Members to join the Executive Session. The motion was approved by JaKathryn Ross and seconded by Dawn Griffin.
- b. Joseph Arnold made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate leases was made by Stacey Mohr and seconded by Zane Major.
- c. The motion to enter Executive Session was approved unanimously, with no abstentions and no opposing votes.

VI. Adjournment

- a. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joseph Arnold. The motion was approved by Stacey Mohr & seconded by JaKathryn Ross
- b. The meeting adjourned at **5:07**
- c. Respectfully submitted by Kyla Byas-Smith

VII. Summary of Actions:

Action Item	Owner	Deadline/Status
Share photos of renovated KIPP Vision Campus during August 19 Board Meeting	Torrey Bates Troy Williams	
Dr. Thomas will share Milestones Data for the 2024-25SY during the August 19, 2025 board meeting now that the embargo date of August 8, 2025 has been confirmed	Jamaul Thomas	

Executive Session Affidavit

The undersigned chairperson or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that at a meeting of the KIPP Atlanta Schools Board/Committee held on July 30, 2025 the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia [O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq.]. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed meeting are as indicated below:

☒ To discuss or authorize negotiations related to the purchase, disposition, or lease of property [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(1)].

☐ To discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of an employee [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2)].

☐ To consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2].

☐ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records [20 USC 1232g and OCGA 50-14-3(b)(4)]

☐ To consider records exempt from disclosure. [OCGA 50-14-3(b)(4) and 50-18-72(a)].

This 30 day of July, 2025

[Signature]
Signature of Chairperson or Presiding Officer

Sworn to & Subscribed Before Me
On The Above Indicated Date:

Wanda D. Smith
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires December 29, 2025

