# **KIPP Atlanta Schools Opportunity Fund Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Meeting Location: 1050 White Street, Suite C, Atlanta, Georgia 30310 Zoom Link: https://kippmetroatlanta-org.zoom.us/j/81677551094

**Committee Members Present**: Kathe Brown, Stephen Councill\*, Marni Mohr, Stacey Mohr

**Staff Members Present**: Justin Anderson, Irving Williams

Other Attendees: Joe Arnold, Lakeesha Ramdhanie, Yolanda Gantz, DaShondra Evans

Chair \*

# I. Description of Discussion:

A. The Opportunity Fund Committee convened for an interim update on the spenddown strategy, progress on scholar identification, and key operational updates ahead of the next meeting in May.

#### II. Call to Order:

A. The meeting was called to order at 11:44 am. Stacey Mohr motioned & was seconded by Stephen Councill.

## III. Welcome & Agenda:

A. Welcomed committee members and reviewed the agenda. The purpose of this interim meeting was noted because the next scheduled meeting is not until May, and the fund is in its wind-down phase.

#### IV. Consent Items:

A. Prior Meeting Minutes: The motion to approve the August 19, 2025 Opportunity Fund committee meeting minutes was made. Stephen Councill motioned & was seconded by Stacey Mohr. The motion was unanimously approved.

## V. Discussion Highlights:

- A. Mission Moment Scholar Support
  - Irving Williams presented a scholar spotlight featuring Amanda Wheelock and her sister, Jasmine Wheelock. Both sisters graduated from KIPP South Fulton Academy and received the Opportunity Fund scholarship to attend Landmark Christian School. Amanda received two years (four semesters) of funding and is now a

freshman at Kennesaw State University studying engineering. Jasmine is enrolled at Georgia State University, studying political science.

#### B. Consent Items - Prior Minutes

■ The committee approved the draft minutes from the August 19, 2025 Opportunity Fund Committee meeting.

## C. Timeline & Execution

- Justin Anderson reaffirmed the spenddown and sunset strategy, noting that scholarships will be awarded up to the \$13,000 maximum, and any remaining funds will transfer to an approved SSO. The fund is no longer accepting contributions.
- Irving Williams shared that the goal is to award 20 to 30 scholarships by June, with seven scholars identified so far, four in processing, and three pending verification. He noted outreach challenges with private schools and shared that KIPP Forward is working through enrollment teams to contact families. Application requirements include transcripts, billing statements, tax documentation, and a short essay. Identified schools include Cristo Rey, Woodward Academy, and Eagles Landing Christian Academy.
- Justin Anderson provided a follow-up on the historical misappropriation. Justin Anderson briefly stated an audit update confirming that the annual audit of the Opportunity Fund will be completed for the fiscal year. He also shared that the draft audit report is expected this week. Reaffirmed that internal controls put in place after the 2018 misappropriation incident remain strong and effective.

## VI. Adjournment:

- A. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was approved by Stacey Mohr & seconded by Stephen Councill.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.
- C. Respectfully submitted by DaShondra Evans.

# VII. Summary of Actions:

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