

# KIPP ATLANTA SCHOOLS

## KIPP Atlanta Schools Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

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

Zoom Link: <https://kippmetroatlanta-org.zoom.us/j/87076488335>

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**Board Members Present:** Joseph Arnold\*, Richard H. Deane, Jr., JaKathryn Ross, Stephen Councill, David Jernigan, Brooks Lumpkin, Salim Bhatia, Frank Glover, Catherine Mealar, Zane Major

**Honorary Board Members Present:** Jim Bostick, Dennis Love, Marni Mohr

**Staff Members Present:** Ra'Chel Ford (Interim CEO), Lakeesha Ramdhanie (CoS), Justin Anderson (CFO), Ben Cabeza (CStO), Torrey Bates (MD of Advancement), Alicia Copeland (Director of Enrollment), Joe Grainger (Senior Head of Academics), James Payne (Head of Schools), Amanda Oudi (Director of Strategic Projects)

**Other Attendees:** Chris Adams (KIPP Atlanta Legal Council), Matt Underwood (Executive Director of the Office of Charter & Partner Schools)- virtual, Andrea Cooper Gatewood (Director of Charter Schools, FCS)- virtual

\*Board Chair

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### Description of Discussion:

The KIPP Atlanta Schools Board convened a Board Meeting on February 3, 2026. The meeting followed the stated agenda.

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at **9:01** by the Board Chair, Joseph Arnold.

#### I. Welcome & Agenda:

A. A discussion was held regarding the agenda for the Board Meeting

#### II. Consent:

A. A vote was conducted to approve the Consent Agenda (including the following two items):

1. December 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Confirmation of the directors of the support organization (KIPP MAC Endowment Fund), and amendment of the bylaws to allow non-directors to serve as officers

B. Richard H. Deane, Jr. made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Brooks Lumpkin seconded the motion.

C. The motion was approved unanimously, with no abstentions, and none opposed.

### **III. Public Comment- 3 minutes per 7 speaking persons**

- A. No public speakers signed up for public comment.

### **IV. Discussion Highlights:**

#### **A. Board Chair Updates**

1. The Board Chair shared an update regarding the KIPP Soul Charter Amendment, including the plan for transitions of staff, families, and scholars.
2. The Board Chair provided an overview of Dr. Cormack's, KIPP Atlanta Incoming CEO, on-boarding schedule.
3. The Board Chair shared that the May Board Meeting will now be on May 13, 2026 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.
4. JaKathryn Ross provided the following updates on behalf of the Board Chair:
  - a) Dawn Griffin has redesigned from the Board, effective December 31, 2025
  - b) Governance training hours (complete vs. left to complete)
  - c) Committee Member Candidates - Elon Osby (Advocacy), Duncan Edwards (Development). JaKathryn Ross. made a motion to approve the committee member candidates and Frank Glover seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with no abstentions, and none opposed.

#### **B. Night of Impact Annual Event & Fundraiser**

1. Frank Glover discussed Night of Impact status (e.g. funds, attendance, and programming).
2. Torrey Bates discussed fundraiser efforts to date.

#### **C. Interim CEO Updates**

1. Interim CEO shared highlights, including:
  - a) One Team Homecoming Celebration on January 5, 2026
  - b) Literacy & Justice for All Annual Site Visit on January 8, 2026
  - c) Academic Performance on SY25 Milestones
2. A discussion was had regarding the KIPP ATL Board Dashboard.
3. Federal Designation updates were shared: KIPP Soul Academy and KIPP Vision Academy have been removed from the federal TSI list, KIPP STRIVE Primary and KIPP STRIVE Academy have been added to the state's TSI list.

#### **D. Annual State of the School Presentation**

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1. Brandom Jones discussed KIPP South Fulton Academy - State of the School.

**E. Email & Simbli Updates**

1. A discussion was had regarding Board communications policy and expectations.

**V. Adjournment:**

- A. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joseph Arnold. The motion was approved by David Jernigan & seconded by Brooks Lumpkin.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.
- C. Respectfully submitted by **Amanda Oudi**.

**VI. Summary of Actions:**

Action Item	Owner	Deadline/ Status
Share a Memo with Board members to summarize highlights from School Performance Committee and offer office hours	Salim Bhatia, Ra'Chel Ford	March 24, 2026
Share South Fulton Academy highlights with Andrea Cooper Gatewood	James Payne	March 24, 2026