



**Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019**

A meeting of the Board of Directors for KIPP Chicago Schools (collectively, the “Board” or “Directors,” and individually each a “Director”) was held at the location of 2007 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Board members present and participating in the meeting were Zaid Alsikafi, Bernetta Cannon, Benjamin Chereskin, April Goble, and Craig Huffman.

Also present for all or portions of the meeting by invitation of the Board were: Shanan Egger (Accountant), Chris Haid (Chief of Staff), Jennifer Hodges (Director of Whole Child Fund), Amy Pouba (Superintendent), and Michael Salmonowicz (Chief Operating Officer).

The meeting of the Board was open to the public; one member of the public attended: Brandon Nabors (Land’s End).

The meeting commenced at 9:41am. Mr. Chereskin stated that the meeting had been called for the purposes stated in the notice of meeting previously given to each Director and confirmed that all members could hear and be heard. Mr. Chereskin also noted that a quorum was present at the meeting for purposes of conducting business of the School.

Ms. Pouba and Ms. Goble expressed congratulations to two teachers and a principal who recently were recognized for excellence by the national KIPP network.

Review of Minutes

Mr. Chereskin directed the Board to the previously circulated minutes for the May 17, 2019 meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

KIPP Chicago Update

Ms. Goble introduced Ms. Hodges, who recently started in her role as Director of the Whole Child Fund.

Ms. Pouba reviewed the region’s 18-19 academic goals as well as performance against those goals.

Ms. Pouba, Ms. Goble, Mr. Haid, and Board members discussed 18-19 academic results.

Ms. Pouba then presented updated academic goals for 19-20.

Mr. Haid provided an update on a pre-k partnership that may begin in the coming months.

Mr. Salmonowicz provided a brief update on facilities.

Finance Update

Mr. Egger reviewed the FY19 audit. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY19 audit.

Mr. Salmonowicz then reviewed the FY20 budget. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY20 budget.

Mr. Egger presented the FY20 Q1 financials.

Governance

Mr. Chereskin expressed that Board member Don Weiss had offered his resignation and it was accepted.

Mr. Salmonowicz presented the slate of officer candidates for the 2019-2020 school year: President – Ben Chereskin, Vice President – April Goble, Treasurer – Zaid Alsikafi, and Secretary – Michael Salmonowicz. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the officers.

New Business

Mr. Chereskin offered members of the public in attendance an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes. Mr. Nabors from Land's End spoke to the Board about his company's student apparel line and partnerships with other schools.

Mr. Huffman brought up the success of KIPP Chicago's alumni. Ms. Goble mentioned that alumni are working in KIPP Chicago's schools, with some holding leadership roles. She also discussed the leadership and success of KIPP alumni nationally.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26am.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22 from 9:30-11:30am, location TBD.

Michael Salmonowicz
Michael Salmonowicz, Secretary