



**Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors for KIPP Chicago Schools (collectively, the “Board” or “Directors,” and individually each a “Director”) was held at 2007 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Board members present and participating in the meeting were Zaid Alsikafi, Bernetta Cannon, Benjamin Chereskin, Paris Clark, and April Montgomery Goble.

Also present for the meeting by invitation of the Board were: Peter Gooden (VP for Equity & Inclusion), Jennifer Hodges (VP of Whole Child Fund & Community Impact), Amy Pouba (Superintendent), Milton Rodriguez (Senior VP of Growth Strategy & Development), Michael Salmonowicz (VP of Operations), and Mariah Schroeder (VP of Impact & Innovation).

The meeting commenced at 3:02pm CT. 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.

Mr. Salmonowicz noted that the meeting of the Board was advertised to the public both online and at school sites in accordance with OMA regulations. No members of the public attended.

Mr. Alsikafi made a motion for approval of the June 15, 2022 minutes. Ms. Montgomery Goble seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve, with Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, Mr. Chereskin, Ms. Montgomery Goble, and Mr. Alsikafi all voting to approve.

Mr. Salmonowicz provided a “bright spot” update: a mini soccer pitch that was installed at KIPP Ascend Primary over the summer through a partnership with the U.S. Soccer Foundation and support from Chicago Public Schools.

KIPP Chicago Update

Ms. Montgomery Goble introduced Ms. Schroeder to Board members, and Board members introduced themselves.

Ms. Montgomery Goble reviewed the current art exhibition at KIPP Chicago’s Children’s Museum of Art and Social Justice, “Environmental Justice: Rooting for Change.”

Ms. Montgomery Goble highlighted that KIPP Chicago is entering its 20th year of existence, and noted that the core continues to hold despite the many challenges being faced due to the residual impact of COVID.

Ms. Pouba provided an update on academics, and explained that a focus this year is re-energizing people around what makes KIPP, KIPP. Some examples include in-person traditions like Latinx

Heritage Month, and our partnership with the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence (which provides SEL tools like RULER training and the Mood Meter).

Ms. Pouba explained that the NWEA MAP assessment will continue to be used, but less than in the past due to a shift in emphasis to the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR).

Multiple Board members asked questions regarding the MAP and IAR assessments. Ms. Pouba explained that Chicago Public Schools is developing a new accountability policy, and MAP will no longer be the test of record. For the time being, the Illinois Report Card summative designations, with IAR as the test of record, will be the focus.

Mr. Rodriguez provided a development update, with an overview of year 3 of the 21st Century Grant and KIPP Chicago's 20th anniversary.

Mr. Chereskin asked how the grant can be used to institutionalize certain programs.

Mr. Salmonowicz gave the example of Model UN as a program that has been scaled due to the grant, and that we would want to keep in place regardless of funding source.

Ms. Hodges provided a Whole Child programming update, highlighting the Penn Foster high school diploma program and its first group of graduates; KIPP Academy's back-to-school bash; and the upcoming edition of the *Whole Child Review*.

Mr. Salmonowicz noted that the 22-23 school year is the first year that KIPP Chicago's four schools all serve grades K-8.

Finance Update

Mr. Salmonowicz reviewed Q4 financials.

Governance

Mr. Salmonowicz provided an update re: Board member training due dates and upcoming Board meeting dates.

Public Comment

The floor was opened for public comments, but there were no comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next meeting will be held on October 31, 2022 at 2:30pm, location TBD.

Michael Salmonowicz
Michael Salmonowicz, Secretary