



Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2023

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 Thursday, September 21, 2023. Board members present and participating in the meeting were Zaid Alsikafi, Bernetta Cannon, Paris Clark, and April Montgomery Goble. Ben Chereskin joined via phone.

Also present for the meeting by invitation of the Board were: Peter Gooden (VP for Equity & Inclusion), Milton Rodriguez (Senior VP of Growth Strategy & Development), and Michael Salmonowicz (VP of Finance & Operations). Shanan Egger (Accountant) joined via phone.

The meeting commenced at 11:06am CT. Ms. Montgomery Goble 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. Ms. Montgomery Goble also noted that a quorum was present at the meeting for purposes of conducting business of the School, that the meeting of the Board was advertised to the public both online and at school sites in accordance with OMA regulations, and that no members of the public were in attendance.

Ms. Montgomery Goble presented a bright spot: KIPP Chicago’s Model United Nations team, which had a successful trip to New York City for the 2023 Model UN Conference in the spring.

Ms. Cannon made a motion for approval of the June 22, 2023 minutes. Mr. Alsikafi seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve, with Mr. Alsikafi, Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Montgomery Goble all voting to approve.

KIPP Chicago Update

Ms. Montgomery Goble highlighted the region’s School Leader and Teacher retention rates, and also noted that schools were fully enrolled.

Mr. Salmonowicz reviewed enrollment and attendance data through the first month of the school year.

Mr. Salmonowicz provided a status update on the charter renewal process, noting that two rounds of school site visits were the next steps in the process, and had been scheduled for September and October.

Mr. Rodriguez provided a development update, including a shift in the timing of KIPP Chicago’s 20th anniversary event to spring 2024.

Finance Update

Mr. Egger reviewed Q4 financials.

Governance

Ms. Montgomery Goble introduced a change to KIPP Chicago's bylaws: language describing the Parent Representative role on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Alsikafi inquired about the term length for the Parent Representative seat. Mr. Salmonowicz replied that the seat has a one-year term, and is eligible for renewal each year.

Mr. Alsikafi made a motion to approve the change to KIPP Chicago's bylaws. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve, with Mr. Alsikafi, Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Montgomery Goble all voting to approve.

Ms. Montgomery Goble presented the bio of Maria Anderson, a candidate for the Board's Parent Representative seat.

Ms. Clark made a motion to approve Ms. Anderson as a new Board member in the Parent Representative seat. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve, with Mr. Alsikafi, Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Montgomery Goble all voting to approve.

Mr. Salmonowicz reviewed the annual Board training requirement.

Public Comment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm.

The next meeting will be held on October 31, 2023 at the KIPP Chicago regional office.

Michael Salmonowicz
Michael Salmonowicz, Secretary