



**Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024**

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 Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Board members present and participating in the meeting were Maria Anderson, Bernetta Cannon, Paris Clark, and Craig Huffman.

Also present for the meeting by invitation of the Board were: Rashid Bell (Senior Head of Schools), April Montgomery Goble (Executive Director), Milton Rodriguez (Senior VP of Growth Strategy & Development), and Michael Salmonowicz (VP of Finance & Operations). Ben Chereskin and Shanan Egger (Accountant) joined via phone.

The meeting commenced at 10:10am 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.

Mr. Huffman made a motion for approval of the October 31, 2024 minutes. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve, with Ms. Anderson, Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Huffman all voting to approve.

KIPP Chicago Update

Mr. Salmonowicz provided a “bright spot” update: One of KIPP Chicago’s students was recognized with an Outstanding 8th Grader of the Year award by the Illinois Network of Charter Schools. Only two students in the State of Illinois received this award.

Ms. Montgomery Goble reviewed the agenda.

Mr. Rodriguez provided a development update.

Ms. Cannon asked about the parameters around grant opportunities that involve artificial intelligence (AI). Mr. Rodriguez replied that the integration of AI into more educational technology products may result in additional flexibility.

Ms. Cannon asked about after-school programming provided via the 21st Century grant. Mr. Bell and Mr. Salmonowicz replied that programming includes approximately 50 different activities in areas such as academic support, the arts, athletics, and technology.

Finance Update

Mr. Egger presented FY25 Q1 financials.

Closed Session

Ms. Cannon moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve, with Ms. Anderson, Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Huffman all voting to approve.

After the closed session concluded, Ms. Cannon moved that the Board return to open session.

New Business

Mr. Chereskin explained that the Board would vote on the candidacy of Senior Head of Schools Rashid Bell for the role of Executive Director of KIPP Chicago Schools.

Ms. Cannon moved to approve Rashid Bell for the role of Executive Director. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve, with Ms. Anderson, Ms. Cannon, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Huffman all voting to approve.

Board members congratulated Mr. Bell.

Public Comment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting will be held in April 2025, location TBD.

Michael Salmonowicz
Michael Salmonowicz, Secretary