

KIPP Tulsa Public Charter Schools
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 | 12:00 – 1:00pm
KIPP High School | 541 S 43rd W Ave,
Tulsa, OK 74127

Board members Present:

Brett Krieg, Jacob Odom, Dr. Dewayne Dickens, Dr. Raj Basu, Michael Epps

Board members **absent:** Melvin Gilliam, Bianca DeMedeiros

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present:

Donterrio Marzett – Interim Executive Director

Mayra Burke – Finance Specialist

Melissa Olgine-Stotler – Director of Teaching and Learning

William Hickman – Contractor

Keet Finley- School Operations Support

DeAnn Cooks-KIPP Forward Director

Call to Order, Welcome, and Agenda:

-The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jacob at 12:05 pm. There were no public comments.

-Mission moment with DeAnn Cooks:

A presentation highlighting the greatness of her being not only an employee of KIPP Tulsa but also a KIPP parent. She shared how proud she was of having all four of her children attend KIPP Tulsa. She stated how being a parent as well as employee helped her understand KIPP Data. She believed in the Mission and how it proved to be a data driven organization producing growth of KIPP students with data to support the hard work that the personnel at the district do every day. KIPP believes in the importance of balancing the hard work of students with celebration and joy. At KIPP, "All kids can learn." Jacob appreciates the mission moments.

-Action Agenda:

- Approved to appoint Dr. Darnell Blackmon as a new member.
Jacob motioned to approve; Raj second. The Motion passed unanimously.
- Approved to retroactively approve the appointment of [Michael Epps](#) to the board effective 11-28-24 as it was not reflected in the November agenda and minutes
Jacob motioned to approve; Raj seconded. The Motion passed unanimously

-Consent Agenda:

Jacob comments on the January Board Minutes and requests an amendment to the January Minutes to reflect who seconded the approvals of the January Consent and Action agenda items. The minutes were amended to reflect the individual board member to motion for approval of each action item and the individual board member that seconded each motion.

Jacob presented the consent agenda:

- January board meeting minutes as amended.
- General Fund purchase orders (January 159-163)
- Activity Fund Purchase orders (January 65-68)
- New Teacher Hires: Aaron Attaway and Sherelle Peters
- New Sub Hires: Marilese Robertson
- Contract for Audit for FY24 with Bledsoe Hewett &

Gullekson, PLLL

Jacob motioned to approve the consent agenda; Raj second. The Motion passed unanimously.

-Board Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee:
 - Approval of January Financial Report and statement

Brett and Jacob discussed items from the Finance Committee concerning the January financial report and statements.

Jacob moved to approve the January Financial report and statements, and Brett seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

- Executive Director Report:

- Compliance Update:
Keet reports that the district is on track to meet compliance requirements. Three reports are due by March 18th and are all on track.
- Enrollment Update:
Keet reports on student retention: KTUP retention is projected at 76%, and KTCP is at 62%. It also reports on the Smart Choice new enrollment results and where KIPP stands based on prospective students choosing 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. He also reports on the recruitment efforts. The Board members ask what approaches the district takes to reach enrollment goals. Jacob indicates that the district must use additional funds, if necessary, on recruitment since the enrollment numbers are crucial to achieving an operating budget for the next school year.
- Academic Update:
Ms. Olgine provided the academic update and informed the board that KTCP had been selected for NAEP testing. Fall data indicates that KTCP presents a more significant growth for students coming below proficiency and smaller growth for higher achieving students; the school has started intervention for those students.
She also presented data on the KTUP progress of students in relation to the growth goals.
- 24-25 Teacher Salaries:
Mr. Marzett presented the potential staff vacancies based on the intent to return data that indicates a 15% planned attrition. The district is working with other districts on recruiting strategies.

· Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.