



KIPP Philadelphia Public Schools

Minutes

KIPP Philadelphia Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 5, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location

5070 Parkside Avenue

4th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19131

A regular meeting of the KIPP Philadelphia Public Schools Board of Trustees in joint session with regular meetings of the KIPP Philadelphia Charter School Board of Trustees, KIPP DuBois Charter School Board of Trustees, KIPP West Philadelphia Charter School Board of Trustees, KIPP North Philadelphia Charter School Board of Trustees, and KIPP Catto Charter School Board of Trustees with Board President Samantha Wilson Jones presiding.

Trustees Present

A. Fullard (remote), A. Keyes (remote), B. Cummings, C. Hardie-Langston, D. Tucker Harrison, K. Jones, S. Wilson Jones

Trustees Absent

A. Aerts, A. Wheeler

Guests Present

A. Sinha, C. Benson, Emily Beck, I. Gasiorowski, L. Li, L. Whitaker (remote), Lawrence Dodd, M. Poorman, N. Wiltshire, R. Perkins (remote), R. Vieira

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Wilson Jones called a meeting of the board of trustees of KIPP Philadelphia Public Schools to order on Wednesday Feb 5, 2025 at 4:08 PM.

C. Approve December 18, 2024 Minutes

D. Tucker Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes from KIPP Philadelphia Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting on 12-18-24.

B. Cummings seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Welcome & CEO Report

A. Welcome

S. Wilson-Jones welcomed the board and guests to the meeting.

B. CEO Report

N. Wiltshire updated the board on the recent losses in our school community.

N. Wiltshire shared that our student who passed away had been with us since middle school and what happens outside our schools still has an impact on our community. N. Wiltshire also shared that our Assistant Principal, J. Haggerty, was a beloved member of KPPS, and she left a legacy of kindness and joy.

N. Wiltshire then updated the board on KIPP Forward's work with families on completing FASFA.

She highlighted that we were first in the network to reach the 85% network goal. N. Wiltshire concluded the KIPP Forward update by sharing progress on our dual enrollment work. Our students are really excited about dual enrollment. The data is positive, and dual enrollment will remain a funding priority.

S. Wilson- Jones asked about incentives for dual enrollment to get more students in the program.

N. Wiltshire shared her vision to incentivize students to participate in dual enrollment, such as marketing the benefits to our middle school families.

N. Wiltshire then shared information about the KIPP Foundation visit. The visit came out of the high school work we need to do, and the Foundation is going to support that work

through a new regional position to support school culture. That lever is key, and we need that expertise at the regional leader level.

N. Wiltshire then shared an update on the Regional Leadership Retreat. The team focused on strategic planning work and team building.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. VOTE: CONSENT AGENDA

D. Tucker Harrison made a motion to Approve the consent agenda.

B. Cummings seconded the motion.

- KWPP Resumes **APPROVED**
- KWPP Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KWPCS Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KPOC Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KPCS-KPEA Resumes **APPROVED**
- KPCS-KPEA Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KPCS- KPPA Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KNPCS Resumes **APPROVED**
- KNPCS Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KDCS Memorandum **APPROVED**
- KG Trust Agreement **APPROVED**
- KG ESA Summary **APPROVED**
- KG ESA **APPROVED**
- ML Trust Agreement **APPROVED**
- ML ESA **APPROVED**
- ML ESA Summary **APPROVED**
- KPPS Student Records Policy **APPROVED**
- CMO Report KWPCS **APPROVED**
- CMO Report KPCS **APPROVED**
- CMO Report KNPCS **APPROVED**
- CMO Report KPOC **APPROVED**
- CMO Report KDCS **APPROVED**
- Intercompany Transaction Invoices (July-December 2024) **APPROVED**

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. School Health Committee

K. Jones shared that the board would receive an update on the prior School Health Committee meeting. He then shared that the next meeting would focus on our progress-to-goals, specifically DIBELS data. K. Jones also reminded the board that there would be an opportunity for a special education learning session following the discussion in the December board retreat.

I. Gasiowrowski gave an overview of DIBELS and S. Wilson-Jones asked how DIBELS and MAP overlap. I. Gasiowrowski shared that there are similarities but that they measure different things.

S. Wilson-Jones then asked which grade levels the assessments start, and I. Gasiowrowski shared that they both started in kindergarten, but this is the first year testing DIBELS in middle school.

S. Wilson-Jones then asked about the Chief Schools Officer search. N. Wiltshire shared the pre-search process and then shared additional details about the search process timeline.

R. Viera concluded the presentation by sharing that the search firm was really intentional and spent a lot of time ensuring alignment between their approach and KPPS' goals.

B. Development Committee

A. Sinha updated the board on fundraising progress-to-goal. She then engaged the board in a discussion about their FY25 gift.

Lastly, A. Sinha discussed potential fundraising events for FY26.

Before concluding the discussion, S. Wilson-Jones encouraged the board to vote on their annual project.

C. Finance Committee

B. Cummings opened the update by going over the agenda.

L. Li then shared the November YTD actuals versus reforecast.

L. Li then went on to discuss the FY26 budget timeline. L. Li discussed how the budget timeline will be aligned to our strategic planning timeline. She then went on to discuss the audit planning timeline.

B. Cummings then asked about federal funding and the impact on KPPS. L. Li shared our viewpoint on the potential disruptions and how we are communicating with school leaders.

D. Governance Committee

S. Wilson-Jones shared an update on the participation and conflict of interest policy and that there are no changes to the existing policies.

D. Tucker Harrison made a motion to Approve the board participation and conflict of interest policies.

B. Cummings seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

S. Wilson-Jones then discussed board recruitment. D. Tucker-Harrison asked about the board assessment and B. Cummings asked about the Statement of Financial Interests.

S. Wilson-Jones gave an update on the assessment process and shared the due date for the Statement of Financial Interests.

V. Information

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

B. New Business

There was no new business.

C. Old Business

There was no old business.

D. Announcements

C. Benson announced the new timeline for Trustee Day.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Wilson Jones