



## Kestrel Heights Public Charter School

### Minutes

#### Emergency Meeting (March 2020 #2)

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**Date and Time**

Thursday March 12, 2020 at 8:30 PM

**Location**

Conference Call Format Accessible via phone or Zoom

<https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/765261543>

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**Directors Present**

A. Davis (remote), B. Paris (remote), J. Featherstone (remote), S. Foy-Watson (remote), S. McGarrah (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

J. Hensler (remote), M. Callahan (remote)

**Non Voting Members Present**

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J. Hensler (remote), M. Callahan (remote)

### **Guests Present**

M. Tracy (remote), S. Bowens (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Featherstone called a meeting of the board of directors of Kestrel Heights Public Charter School to order on Thursday Mar 12, 2020 at 8:36 PM.

## **II. Discussion Regarding the Impact of COVID-19 on Kestrel Heights Community**

### **A. Recap of Available Information Regarding COVID-19**

Dr. Tracy provided a recap of the discussion regarding COVID-19 strategy held by the Durham Public Schools Board this evening. At the time of this meeting, Durham and Orange Counties, Chapel Hill/Carrboro Schools have announced actions/closures relating to the COVID-19 situation.

### **B. Consideration of School Closure Options (Vote if Needed)**

Mr. Paris proposed leveraging the available educational banked hours to initiate school closure on 3/16 - 3/19, followed by shifting Spring Break to commence on 3/20 - 3/27 (from April 10-17).

Ms. McGarrah suggested utilizing the teacher workdays remaining on the calendar (2), modifying Mr. Paris' proposal to 3/16-3/17 as Teacher Work Days, followed by shifting Spring Break to commence on 3/18 - 3/25, and completing the week with 2 of the available banked days (3/26-3/27). By 3/27, the board would need to consider further contingencies (e.g. online education delivery) should the situation call for further closure.

Board discussed preliminary results from the home technology survey. The administration will leverage robocall technology to request all Kestrel Heights families to either complete the online survey or to call the school to provide the needed information about internet/technology access.

B. Paris made a motion to Modify the 2019-2020 School Calendar as follows: Shift the remaining (2) Teacher Work Days for the school year to 3/16/2020 and 3/17/2020; shift Spring Break to commence on 3/18/2020 - 3/25/2020; and, Close school on 3/26/2020 & 3/27/2020 using banked educational hours.

A. Davis seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

B. Paris           Aye  
S. McGarrah    Aye  
J. Featherstone Abstain  
S. Foy-Watson   Aye  
A. Davis          Aye

B. Paris made a motion to Modify the attendance policy to allow for an excused absence in the event parents are unable or unwilling to send their children to school for the duration of the COVID-19 situation. We further authorize the the Executive Director to revert the policy back to its original state at a time he deems fit.

S. McGarrah seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Davis           Aye  
J. Featherstone Abstain  
S. Foy-Watson    Aye  
B. Paris           Aye  
S. McGarrah      Aye

The Board has called a Special Meeting for Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM via Conference Call accessible via phone or FreeConferenceCall.com

Conference Number: 605-315-5538

Access Code: 452257

### III. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

B. Paris made a motion to Adjourn.

S. McGarrah seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Davis           Aye  
S. McGarrah    Aye  
B. Paris           Aye  
J. Featherstone Abstain  
S. Foy-Watson    Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Paris