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KIPP Academy Massachusetts

Minutes

KIPP MA Board of Trustees Meeting 10.24.2024

Date and Time

Thursday October 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Location

This meeting will be held on Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://kippma-org.zoom.us/j/84067673350>

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For additional information, please contact Jesse Fetbroth at jfetbroth@kippma.org or 781-696-8402.

Directors Present

E. Bergman (remote), M. Fates (remote), M. Kendall (remote), P. Ketterer (remote), R. Barnes (remote), S. Lim (remote), S. Pierre-Louis (remote), T. Beecher (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Borchard, M. Gaburo, P. Maleh

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

E. Bergman

Guests Present

A. Peters (remote), E. DoBell (remote), J. Dominique (remote), J. Fetbroth (remote), J. Haynes (remote), S. Coleman (remote), S. Pizzimenti (remote), Shameka Coleman (remote), Z. Trotsky (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Pierre-Louis called a meeting of the board of directors of KIPP Academy Massachusetts to order on Thursday Oct 24, 2024 at 9:03 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Updates + Celebrations

D. Review Agenda

II. Consent Agenda + Items for Voting

A. Vote: Board Meeting Minutes

S. Pierre-Louis made a motion to approve the minutes from KIPP MA Board of Trustees Retreat 09.12.2024 on 09-12-24.

T. Beecher seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

P. Ketterer	Aye
R. Barnes	Aye
M. Fates	Aye
S. Pierre-Louis	Aye
D. Borchard	Absent
S. Lim	Aye
T. Beecher	Aye
E. Bergman	Aye
P. Maleh	Absent
M. Gaburo	Absent
M. Kendall	Aye

B. Vote: Growth Committee

The Board Chair shared a proposal for a new committee at KIPP MA as we consider expansion: Growth Committee.

She shared the purpose and the members that would be part of the Committee: Stephanie Pierre-Louis and Paul Ketterer (with support from Steve Pizzimenti, Jesse Fetbroth and Zachary Trotsky).

She made space for questions and for people to share suggestions.

A Board member shared he was strongly in favor. Another Board member shared that they hope as many Board and Committee members can be involved as schedules allow as possible.

S. Pierre-Louis made a motion to Approve the Growth Committee and new People Committee member.

M. Fates seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Pierre-Louis	Aye
M. Gaburo	Absent
M. Fates	Aye
T. Beecher	Aye
M. Kendall	Aye
E. Bergman	Aye
D. Borchard	Absent
R. Barnes	Aye
P. Maleh	Absent
S. Lim	Aye
P. Ketterer	Aye

C. Vote: New People Committee Member

We will be bringing on a new member to the People Committee.

D. Vote: Audit

Our Chief Finance and Talent Officer shared headlines on the audit. We were able to meet goals in both districts and have a clean audit for the 6th year in a row.

He shared outcomes for the last several years. It would be beneficial to have more cash in Lynn, but we're in a secure spot.

He shared ESSER funding by year. He also shared budgeted FTEs by year. He noted we haven't had to lay any staff off.

A Board member asked if we have explored what it would cost under a fully insured health insurance model. Another Board member shared at their company it wasn't worth the risk of health insurance claims to be self insured.

A Board member asked if we've had an increase in students the way we've had an increase in staff. There hasn't been an increase in students.

A member of the Finance and Facilities Committee shared that the audit was very clean.

S. Pierre-Louis made a motion to Approve the audit.

P. Ketterer seconded the motion.

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

III. Updates: Growth

A. Update on Growth

The Executive Director shared an update on a developing situation at KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate.

She shared an update on our plans for expansion. She shared that public comment has officially opened and will be open through early December.

She shared that our Chief Finance and Talent Officer will now be fully focused on Finances and will be the staff liason to the Growth Committee. The Executive Director will be overseeing Talent and HR.

IV. KIPP Massachusetts State of the Union

A. MCAS Deep Dive

The Chief Academic Officer shared updates on our 23-24 MCAS results.

She shared results for Lynn and Boston compared to LPS and BPS and the state in Math and ELA. She also shared growth comparisons, and data for peer-matched groups (African-American/Black, Hispanic/Latino and Students with Disabilities).

She also shared updates on MLL students in Lynn and Boston. She named that we are not meeting our goals for achievement with this group of students. Our students with disabilities did outperform the sending district in ELA and Math in Lynn.

Data for MAP was shared, as well as the student-level lifting goals for MCAS achievement.

She named that we did not meet our ambitious lifting goals. In Boston, where students were lagging, they grew, but not as much as we hoped they would. In Lynn, student achievement decreased.

Across the state of MA, proficiency in ELA dropped. However, it increased in Boston, so some things we're doing in Boston worked.

She shared that we are focusing heavily on 6th graders across Lynn and Boston this year given their low achievement in Math and ELA last year.

A Board member asked why Boston has been so stubborn in comparison to Lynn. It was explained that the root causes are widely varied, but we went as all in as we've ever gone at KIPP Boston, but not until March. We are currently months ahead of where we were last year.

The Executive Director named the impact chronic absenteeism on Boston. The impact of busing was also shared.

A Board member asked if the current approach is working, and the KIPP MA Team shared that we believe we are taking the right course of action right now.

The strong retention at Boston was discussed, and the impact of our increased focus on literacy was discussed.

B. Additional Updates

The KIPP MA shared updates on enrollment, attrition, academics, postsecondary outcomes, staff retention and recruitment, development, finance, compliance, professional development, student sense of belonging and family engagement.

Space was made for questions.

The team looked at additional data for enrollment. The Executive Director discussed our current strategy for enrolling students in Lynn and Boston.

The Managing Director of Compliance shared comparison data for suspensions and removals in Lynn and Boston. We don't yet have data for LPS and BPS. She also shared updates for our accountability plan.

V. Break and ED Compensation

A. Vote: ED Compensation

S. Pierre-Louis made a motion to Approve the October portion of the ED bonus.

S. Lim seconded the motion.

The Executive Director shared an overview of her goals for 23-24 in relation to her bonus. She shared goals related to academic outcomes, postsecondary outcomes, attrition, staff retention, and finance.

Members of the Governance and Compensation discussed their recommendation for the holistic portion of the October bonus.

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

Roll Call

T. Beecher	Aye
D. Borchard	Absent
P. Maleh	Absent
P. Ketterer	Aye
S. Lim	Aye
M. Fates	Aye
S. Pierre-Louis	Aye
R. Barnes	Absent
E. Bergman	Aye
M. Gaburo	Absent
M. Kendall	Aye
E. Bergman	left.

VI. DEI Session

A. DEI Session

Our Chief Equity and Engagement Officer led the Board in a conversation around chronic absenteeism.

VII. 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 11:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Pierre-Louis