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# KIPP TULSA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

## Minutes

### KIPP Tulsa Public Charter Schools - Regular Board Meeting

July 29, 2025

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday July 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM

#### **Location**

Wompa  
3306 Charles Page Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74127

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#### **Board Members:**

Jacob Odom, Dewayne Dickens, Michael Epps, Darnell Blackmon, Brett Krieg, Kim Boyd, Kyara Smith, Jumoke Akingbola

#### **School Representatives:**

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Donterrio Marzett, Superintendent; Keet Finley, School Operations Support; Mayra Burke, Finance Specialist; Sienna Scott, Director of Teaching and Learning; Janey Nemard, Development Director; Jamia Irons, Principal; Melanie Rathod, Principal; and Bill Hickman, Legal Counsel

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#### **Directors Present**

Brett Krieg, Darnell Blackmon, Dewayne Dickens, Jacob Odom, Jumoke Akingbola, Kim Boyd, Kyara Smith, Michael Epps

#### **Directors Absent**

Raj Basu

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

William Hickman (remote)

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

William Hickman (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

Donterrio Marzett, Hugo Sosa, Jamia Irons, Janey Nemard, Keet Finley, Mayra Burke, Melanie Rathod, Sienna Scott

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

Dewayne Dickens called a meeting of the board of directors of KIPP TULSA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS to order on Tuesday Jul 29, 2025 at 9:21 AM.

#### **B.**

## **Welcome**

### **C. Roll Call**

### **D. Agenda Review**

### **E. Mission Moment**

Hugo Sosa gave his mission statement on how he was prompted to teach and his passion to serve underprivileged kids.

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

None at this time

## **III. Board Committee Reports**

### **A. Finance Committee**

Brett Kriegg- presented the FYE statement to the board.  
Total staff expenses came in under 1% of budget  
Coming into the new school year with more cash flow than previous year.

### **B. Academic Committee**

Sienna Scott -presented preliminary OSTP data. Cut scores to 2017

### **C. Development Committee**

Janey Nemard- presented the fundraising goal of 1,000,000  
AYSTAK- contestants will include, ShavarJeffries, KIPP CEO and Mayor Monroe Nicholes. Discussed the table sells for the event.  
Raised 25% of goal

## **IV. Executive Director Report**

### **A. Compliance Update**

None at this time

### **B. Executive Director Updates**

Donterrio Marzett- presented the partnership with Levelfield to survey current facility conditions.

## **V. Consent Agenda**

### **A.**

### **Approve June 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27 special board meeting KIPP Tulsa Public Charter Schools - Special Board Meeting on 06-27-25.

Darnell Blackmon seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Approval of the June Financial Reports**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from June Financial Reports.

Brett Krieg seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Approval of General Fund Purchase Orders and any changes to any prior existing purchase orders**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from GF Purchase Orders.

Darnell Blackmon seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Approval of Activity Fund Purchase Orders**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from AF Purchase Orders.

Brett Krieg seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Approval of Building Purchase Orders**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from Building Purchase Orders.

Jacob Odom seconded the motion.

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

### **F. Approval of Activity Fund Transfer**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from AF Transfer.

Brett Krieg seconded the motion.

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

### **G. Routine Staffing Items**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from Staffing Items.

Darnell Blackmon seconded the motion.

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

### **H. Approval of the KIPP Tulsa School Handbook**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from KIPP Tulsa Handbook.

Kim Boyd seconded the motion.

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

## **VI. Action Agenda**

### **A. Approve to Amend the Employee Leave Policy Amendment**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from Employee Leave Policy Amendment.

Jacob Odom seconded the motion.

Correction made on the number of days for vacation.

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

### **B. Authorization to Establish a Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan with American Fidelity**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from Deferred Compensation Plan with American Fidelity.

Brett Krieg seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Approval of KIPP Tulsa Strong Readers Act Policy**

### **D. Authorization to File 501(c)(3) for the KIPP Tulsa Foundation and Designation of Representative**

### **E. Approval of the 2025–2026 KIPP Tulsa Employee Handbook**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from KIPP Tulsa Employee Handbook.

Jumoke Akingbola seconded the motion.

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

### **F. Election of Board Officers**

Dewayne Dickens made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Officers.

Brett Krieg seconded the motion.

Discussion made to move Kim Boyd to Vice Chair as Jacob Odom will move to Past Chair

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

## **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 10:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keet Finley

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