

KIPP Memphis Public Schools

Minutes

Special Called Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday July 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location

Via Zoom

Guests are welcomed to attend these public meeting and are asked to pre-register to receive the meeting location details: [KMPS Board Meeting Registration](#)

Directors Present

A. Anderson (remote), B. Gennings (remote), C. Kyles (remote), D. Lyles-Wallace (remote), D. Payne (remote), E. Spence (remote), J. Worles (remote), K. Shotwell (remote), L. Johnson III (remote), M. Davis (remote), N. Gatson (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

J. Worles

Guests Present

A. Burt (remote), A. Carr (remote), G. Phillips (remote), G. Williams (remote), J. Ward-Gill (remote), L. Tate (remote), M. Smith (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Johnson III called a meeting of the board of directors of KIPP Memphis Public Schools to order on Tuesday Jul 28, 2026 at 6:02 PM.

B. Roll Call

J. Worles arrived at 6:15 PM.

C. Agenda Review

The agenda was reviewed and there were no changes.

II. Board Actions

A. Emergency Procurement

Recommendation: It is recommended that the KIPP Memphis Public Schools Board of Directors approve the emergency procurement with Grinder, Taber, & Grinder, Inc. in the amount of \$917,572 to acquire HVAC equipment for the KIPP Cordova Collegiate Elementary School property to avoid a \$92,578 price increase effective July 30, 2026 if the same equipment is purchased after this date.

Context: Grinder, Taber, & Grinder is the general contractor previously approved by this Board during the February 17, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting following the Construction Management At Risk RFP selection. Their HVAC equipment supplier informed them of a price increase after July 30, which is before the property renovation loan and final construction contract approval by this Board. This is what necessitates this emergency procurement.

Funding Source: The funding source is state/local funds, reimbursed by the, once approved, renovation loan.

D. Lyles-Wallace made a motion to approve the emergency procurement with Grinder, Taber, & Grinder, Inc. in the amount of \$917,572 to acquire HVAC equipment for the KIPP Cordova Collegiate Elementary School property to avoid a \$92,578 price increase effective July 30, 2026 if the same equipment is purchased after this date.

C. Kyles seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the approved general contractor, which notified KIPP Memphis Public Schools of a price increase from their HVAC supplier after July 30, before final loan and contract approval.

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

B. 2026-27 Adjusted Budget

It is recommended that the KIPP Memphis Board of Directors approve the KIPP Memphis Public Schools 2026-2027 Adjusted Budget

J. Worles made a motion to approve the KIPP Memphis Public Schools 2026-2027 Adjusted Budget.

B. Gennings seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the adjusted budget to account for the emergency procurement.

The HVAC equipment will be included in the loan that will be presented to the Board in September.

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

III. 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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Ward-Gill

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