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The Kindezi Schools

The Kindezi Schools Board of Directors

Minutes

SY 25-26 Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Committee Members Present
N. Wright (remote), R. Cagle (remote), R. Wardlow (remote)

Committee Members Absent
E. Ware, O. Cassanova

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Cagle called a meeting of the Governance Committee of The Kindezi Schools Board of Directors to order on Thursday May 28, 2026 at 9:07 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

R. Cagle made a motion to approve the minutes from SY 25-26 Governance Committee Meeting on 04-23-26.
R. Wardlow seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Committee Updates

A. Committee Assignments

Board Leadership & Committee Updates

Board & Officer Role Changes

- **Board Chair Transition: Sarah Cash** is stepping down as Board Chair. Damon Bailey was appointed as the new Board Chair.
- **Board Secretary:** Rob Wardlow was appointed as the new Board Secretary.
- **Vice Chair Check-In:** Sally Westmoreland will serve as Vice Chair, with a follow-up check-in to be completed.
- **Carlton Austin:** Due to current scheduling conflicts that prevent active board engagement, Carlton will transition off the active Board and remain involved as a community member. Charmaine Stocker Barnhill was appinted as new Treasurer.
- **Justin Gilstrap:** The Governance Committee will reach out to Justin to discuss his interest and capacity regarding staying on the Board.

Committee Rosters & Actions

1. Finance Committee
Chair: Charmaine Stocker Barnhill
Members: Cevin Smithers, Carlton Austin (Community Member), Sarah Cash

2. Governance Committee
Chair: Rob Wardlow
Members: Rebecca Cagle (Community Member)
Status Update: Oneika Cassanova is currently on a temporary leave of absence following the birth of her baby and will return at a later date.
Action Item: The committee noted a desire to recruit and add a new member to Governance.

3. Academics Committee
Chair: Sally Westmoreland
Members: Damon Bailey, Charmaine Stocker Barnhill, Liz Duncan Watt

B. Review of annual goals

III. Other Business

A. Next Steps

Pending Action Items:

- Rob Wardlow to check in with Liz Duncan-Watt regarding her desire to remain on the Academics committee.
- Rebecca Cagle to check in with Charmaine Stocker Barnhill regarding whether she will maintain a dual role on both the Academics and Finance committees.
- Board Training Compliance
- Status Update: The Board is currently waiting for an update from Shannon to identify which members have not yet completed their required training modules.
- Recognition: A special shout-out and expression of gratitude was given to all Board members who have successfully completed their training for the year.

IV. 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 9:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Wright