



# The Kindezi Schools

## The Kindezi Schools Board of Directors

### Minutes

#### SY 26-27 Board Retreat

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**Date and Time**

Monday August 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM

**Location**

Kindezi O4W  
386 Pine St NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

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**Directors Present**

C. Stocker Barnhil, D. Bailey, E. Duncan Watt, R. Cagle, R. Wardlow, S. Westmoreland

**Directors Absent**

O. Cassanova, S. Cash

**Ex Officio Members Present**

K. Gunn

**Non Voting Members Present**

K. Gunn

**Guests Present**

N. Wright, S. Echols

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**I. Opening Items****A.**

## **Record Attendance**

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

D. Bailey called a meeting of the board of directors of The Kindezi Schools Board of Directors to order on Monday Aug 24, 2026 at 5:13 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

C. Stocker Barnhil made a motion to approve the minutes from SY 25-26 Board Meeting on 05-15-26.

D. Bailey seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the Annual Letter of Assurances
- Admittance of C. Smithers to the Kindezi Board of Directors

## **II. Community Builder**

### **A. Connect**

The Board engaged in "speed dating" to get to know one another more deeply

## **III. The Kindezi Board Member**

### **A. Review of responsibilities and opportunities for impact**

Dr. Kelly Gunn led a discussion regarding director commitments, spaces of opportunity, and stamping goals for SY 26-27.

### **B. Call to action**

Directors reviewed bylaws and discussed the following:

- What is surprising?
- Where are we aligned?
- Where are we out of alignment?
- What are spaces for opportunity?

### **C. Working task**

The board discussed changes in practice that they'd like to implement based on their bylaw review

- Committee annual plan, and executive team calendar that represents the key work of each committee broken down by month. \*Note- this should be rooted in purpose and goals
- ED question: What change initiative is the org undertaking that I need the Board to dig in on?
- The Board needs to also drive what they want to hear updates on and partner on
- Agenda items: key updates since the last meeting, annual plan topics, on the horizon-both upcoming priorities AND what do we need to elevate to the full board? (Consent agenda, discussion, fyi)

#### **IV. Development Presentation**

##### **A. Review of tools, resources, and alignment to the annual give/get ask**

Nakeshia wright reviewed the resources and tools available to the Board to support their work.

#### **V. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Bailey