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The Kindezi Schools

The Kindezi Schools Board of Directors

Minutes

SY 26-27 Board Meeting

Date and Time
Friday September 18, 2026 at 8:30 AM

Location
Kindezi Gideons
897 Welch St SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

Directors Present
C. Stocker Barnhil, D. Bailey, E. Duncan Watt, O. Cassanova, R. Cagle, R. Wardlow, S. Cash, S. Westmoreland (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
K. Gunn

Guests Present
S. Echols

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 Friday Sep 18, 2026 at 8:30 AM.

C. Motion to amend the agenda

Shannon Echols welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared that our voice of program is to give praise to the Gideons Trajectory Changers. Those staff were praised and given their tshirts.

Shannon Echols returned and mentioned that there needs to be a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee: (OCGA 50-14-3(6))
C. Stocker Barnhil made a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session.
E. Duncan Watt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes

C. Stocker Barnhil made a motion to approve the minutes from SY 26-27 Board Retreat on 08-24-26.
R. Cagle seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Consent Agenda

R. Cagle made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
O. Cassanova seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Voice of the Program

A. VOP

The Trajectory Changers at Gideons were honored and given their tshirts. Dr. Kelly Gunn elaborated on the 1.3 in 10 initiative and how the qualifying teachers are positively impacting genius outcomes.

III. Public Comment

A. Public comment notice

There was no public comment this month.

IV. Finance

A.

March financial update

Charmaine Barnhill shared that the team is working on the annual audit and will be prepared to share a financial update at the next meeting.

V. Academic Committee

A. Academic presentation

Dr. Kelly Gunn reviewed the latest MAP data for the organization and talked about the "Genius Guarantee"

VI. Governance

A. Governance presentation

Shannon Echols reviewed the status of Cevin Smithers and Rob Wardlow discussed initiatives of the committee including goal setting, Ai policy research, and handbook approval.

VII. Other Board session agenda items

A. Executive Director Update

Dr. Kelly Gunn led a discussion regarding trajectory changers, data, and the Delta Dream flight.

B. Executive Session

R. Cagle made a motion to Enter executive session at 9:21am.
E. Duncan Watt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
The board went into an executive discussion to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee: (OCGA 50-14-3(6))

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Bailey made a motion to End executive session at 9:58am.
E. Duncan Watt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Bailey