

KIPP Academy Charter School
Minutes of October 25, 2017 Meeting

The KIPP Academy Charter School Board of Trustees (the “Board”) met on October 25, 2017 at KIPP STAR Harlem Middle School. The following Trustees were in attendance: Rafael Mayer, Joe Negron, Whitney Tilson, and Brian Zied. Gwendolyn Brunson was not in attendance and her absence was excused.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, notice of the meeting was published and posted on 10/21/17 on kippnyc.org. Notice of the meeting was also posted in the schools before the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Trustees of the KIPP NYC Public Charter Schools (Rafael Mayer, Erica Dewan, Jane Martinez Dowling, Richard Taft). The following KIPP NYC staff members were also in attendance: Jim Manly (KIPP NYC Superintendent), Alicia Johnson, Charizma Williams, Vicki Zubovic, Joe Negron, Chrystal Griffin, and Mark Harmon-Vaught. Kathy Hamel and Madeline Hannigan from Charter School Growth Fund also attended.

Opening of Meeting

Mr. Mayer opened the board meeting.

Board Business

Mr. Mayer invited Ms. Cielo Patterson, an 8th grade student at KIPP STAR Harlem Middle School, to address the board. Ms. Patterson explained how KIPP NYC’s character education had shaped her identity and future plans. She then answered questions from the board.

Ms. Chrystal Griffin, principal of KIPP STAR Harlem Middle School, then spoke to the board. She explained her vision and strategic priorities for the school. She described a focus on restorative practices and increasing feedback. She then fielded questions from the board.

Mr. Mayer asked for public comment. Ms. Hamel and Ms. Hannigan introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their work, and the board members each introduced themselves.

Ms. Dowling presented about the work of the KIPP Through College program. Ms. Dowling overviewed the goals of KIPP Through College and explained the keys to college persistence that KIPP Through College has identified. She then answered questions from the board.

Mr. Mayer conducted a vote. Based on the extensive review and full recommendation of the audit by the Treasurer and members of the Audit Committee, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2016-17 audit.

Ms. Dowling then led the board through a guided practice activity that simulated how KIPP Through College supports KIPP students in college in balancing their academic and social commitments.

Adjournment

Mr. Mayer adjourned the meeting.