



### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | Meeting 4:10pm – 7:09pm  
KIPP OKC College Prep (Cafeteria)  
8400 N Robinson Ave Oklahoma City, OK 73114

### **VIRTUAL ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85234714250?pwd=jH5o1uLMoOLf1aZgBD0DnkaXbDaWmR.1>

Board members present: Gary Jones, Jabar Shumate, Rep. Ajay Pittman, Bill Beckman, Shenice Freeman, Corey Perry (virtual & abstained from voting)

Board members absent: Robert Ruiz

Staff present: Michael Carter, Allysa Ware

Guests present: KIPP OKC Staff

Gary Jones called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

Gary J. addressed guests present and called for a motion to suspend 1 hour allotted time for the board meeting. Shenice F. made a motion, and Bill B. seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent (Gary, Bill, Jabar, Shenice; Rep. Pittman was not present for the vote).

### Public Comments:

Six KOKC staff signed up for public comment: Brittney Ellis, Morgan Perkins, Jereyime McCrary, Sharyce Williams, Kaneta Lee, and David Duplissis.

**Brittney Ellis** did not comment.

**Morgan Perkins** did not comment.

**Jeryme McCrary** brought forth a request that electives be considered when decisions are made regarding the district.

**Sharyce Williams** brought forth questions regarding salary increases, superintendent evaluation, if KIPP OKC will be in operation SY26, and the communication plan for the remainder of the school year from the Board to staff.

**Keneta Lee** brought forth concerns regarding payroll, supply deficiencies, effectiveness of nightly custodial staff, staff retention, and notice of procedure to make public comments at board meetings.

**David Duplissis** brought forth concerns regarding the inclusion of athletics and enrichment programs for the following school year.

Gary J. acknowledged the public comments and moved to the approval of the consent agenda.

Discussions about “National KIPP ED/Board Chair Retreat in DC” (April 14-16, 2025) were had. Once discussions ceased, Gary J. called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ajay P. made a motion, and Jabar S. seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Gary, Bill, Jabar, Shenice, Ajay).

Gary J. turned the floor over to Michael C. and Bill B. to discuss the “Update on Financials as of 4/4/2025.”

Michael C. explained the need for the emergency loan from the KIPP Foundation. Carter explained that in discussions with KF, (2) solutions were presented. 1) KF would gift KOKC the funds, 2) KF would loan KOKC the funds on terms set by KOKC board and superintendent. Carter continued and expressed KF advocating for KOKC to have a Finance Director and that a gift of \$50,000 would be given to support those efforts. Gary J. then provided context to the public guest about KOKC's current financial status.

A guest tried to ask a question, and Rep. Pittman reminded the guest that KOKC board meetings are required to follow the Open Meetings Act; therefore, no public comments can be made, even if it is to bring clarity.

Gary J. requested that the January 2025 and February 2025 financials be included in the next board meeting agenda for discussion and approval.

Gary turned the floor to Michael C. to discuss KIPP OKC Foundation.

Michael C. discussed the structure for KOKC to receive funds from the foundation. Bill B. clarified that funds would be considered a contribution from the foundation and that KOKC attorney, Bill Hickman, will handle the legal paperwork.

Gary called for a motion to enter into executive session. Rep. Pittman made a motion to move into executive session, and Bill B. seconded.

Board members returned and a motion was called to return to public session. Rep. Pittman made the motion to return to public session and Jabar S. seconded the motion.

Gary J. shared that the board discussed, the evaluation of the executive director (Superintendent), reconfiguration of school moving forward, "scenario B" proposal for 2025-2026 SY (elementary will grow to scale and middle will phase out until repopulated by current elementary program), superintendent Carter will meet with staff to discuss further detail.

Gary J. called for a motion to move forward with "scenario B" for the 2025-2026 SY. Jabar S. made a motion, and Bill seconded. The vote was split with (4) ya's (Gary, Jabar, Bill, Shenice) and (1) abstained vote (Ajay P.)

Gary J. moved for committee chairs to present updates. Jabar S. reported for the development committee (AYSTAK success and grants). Shenice F. reported for the community outreach committee (food/clothing resources). Bill B. reported for the finance committee but shared that there were no updates beyond what was shared earlier in the board meeting.

Gary J. announced that a formal meeting will be scheduled to discuss the reconfiguration of KOKC with staff.

Gary J. called for a motion to adjourn the April 6th special board meeting. Rep. Pittman moved to adjourn the meeting, and Shenice F. seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.