



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT
MAY 18, 2019

The annual retreat for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 18th day of May at 9:00 AM at the Alice Harte Charter School with the following members in attendance and participating: Wayne Crochet, Dana Wade, Joseph Ridolfo, Stephen Boyard, MaryJo Roberts, Freddie King III, Shawn Rogers, Karren Alexander, and Jay Daniels. Absent was James Dabney. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, Emily Hartnett, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

1. The Roles and Responsibilities of the Board:

Kevin Gutterrez, governance director for the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, gave a presentation to the Board on the roles and responsibilities of the Board, how to differentiate between governance and management, and governance common pitfalls and best practices.

2. InspireNOLA Presentation:

Items reported and discussed by Emily Hartnett and Jamar McKneely included – the New Orleans educational landscape including how InspireNOLA compares to other schools, challenges, and board meeting norms and legal obligations based on the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and the Louisiana Charter School Board Legal Handbook.

3. Strategic Planning Committee Report:

Items reported and discussed by Karren Alexander included – the benefits of strategic planning, who should be involved, succession planning, and next steps for the Committee.

4. Board Election:

The annual Board Election took place, led by Nominating Committee Chair Freddie King III.

F. King nominated W. Crochet for Board President.

No other nominations were submitted.

a. Four items up for approval.

Motion to close the nomination for W. Crochet as Board President.

Motion to move to elect W. Crochet as Board President by acclamation.

Both motions by F. King, seconded by J. Daniels.

No public comment.

Both motions passed unanimously.

F. King nominated S. Rogers for Board Vice President.

No other nominations were submitted.

b. Motion to close the nomination for S. Rogers as Board Vice President.

Motion to move to elect S. Rogers as Board Vice President by acclamation.

Both motions by F. King, seconded by D. Wade.

No public comment.
Both motions passed unanimously.

F. King nominated S. Boyard for Board Treasurer.
No other nominations were submitted.

- c.** Motion to close the nomination for S. Boyard as Board Treasurer.
Motion to move to elect S. Boyard as Board Treasurer by acclamation.
Both motions by F. King, seconded by J. Daniels.
No public comment.
Both motions passed unanimously.

F. King nominated J. Daniels for Board Secretary.
No other nominations were submitted.

- d.** Motion to close the nomination for J. Daniels as Board Secretary.
Motion to move to elect J. Daniels as Board Secretary by acclamation.
Both motions by F. King, seconded by S. Rogers.
No public comment.
Both motions passed unanimously.

5. Executive Session:

- a.** Two items up for approval
Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the CEO performance of Jamar McKneely.
Motion by J. Daniels, seconded by J. Ridolfo.
No public comment was offered at this time.
Motion unanimously carried at 11:27 am.

Motion to move out of Executive Session.
Motion by J. Daniels, seconded by M. Roberts.
Motion unanimously carried at 12:16 pm.

6. CEO Evaluation Committee Report:

Jay Daniels reported that the Board had completed its collective evaluation of CEO Jamar McKneely.

- a.** One item up for approval.
Motion for the Board to approve a bonus pursuant to the provisions of Jamar McKneely's contract.
Motion by J. Daniels, seconded by M. Roberts.
J. Ridolfo clarified that this was for the current year.
No public comment.
Motion passed unanimously.

Items reported out:

Next Board Meeting – May 20th – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.



A draft calendar of Board meetings for the 19-20 school year was included in the Board Packet and will be posted at the InspireNOLA office in June.

There being no further business, F. King made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by K. Alexander. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.