



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2021

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 23rd day of August at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Shawn Rogers, MaryJo Roberts, James Dabney, Stephen Boyard, and Karren Alexander. Jay Daniels, Freddie King III, and Dana Wade were absent. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, Latoye Brown, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

1. Consent of Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed ahead of time from the meetings on June 28, July 24, August 10, and August 11.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the minutes from June 28, July 24, August 10, and August 11.

Motion by J. Dabney, seconded by K. Alexander.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Academic Committee Report:

Items reported and discussed by Dr. James Dabney included – the opening of school including professional development and school orientations, statewide data, and the InspireNOLA Student & Family Handbook.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the 21-22 InspireNOLA Student & Family Handbook.

Motion by J. Dabney, seconded by S. Rogers.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. Finance Committee Report:

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard and Charlie Mackles included – a breakdown of how InspireNOLA has used CARES funding, transportation issues, and the annual audit process.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the signature and submission of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor Compliance Questionnaire.

Motion by S. Boyard, seconded by J. Dabney.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

4. CEO Report:



Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – InspireNOLA’s vaccination policy for staff and guests of school events, COVID-19 safety precautions, InspireNOLA’s back to school supply drive, and enrollment. Board members asked questions about transportation options, the charter renewal process, vendors, and SPS scores.

5. Board Calendar:

The Board held a brief discussion about meeting times ultimately agreeing to keep committee meetings at 4:45 pm and full board meetings at 5:30 pm. They agreed that the Board meeting calendar was ready to be submitted to NOLA Public Schools.

6. Public Comment:

A former employee urged the Board to consider having a summer graduation ceremony for students who earned their final credits during summer school.

Items reported out:

Next Academic Committee Meeting – October 5th– 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Finance Committee Meeting – October 13th– 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – October 25th – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, S. Boyard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Rogers. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.