



InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2021

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: James Dabney, MaryJo Roberts, Stephen Boyard, Jay Daniels, Shawn Rogers, and Karren Alexander. 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 5:31 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 August 23, October 5, and October 13.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from August 23, October 5, and October 13.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Dr. James Dabney included – the academic priorities despite the challenges from Hurricane Ida and COVID, an emphasis on literacy, and revisions to the Academic Calendar because of the hurricane closure.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – the financial closeout of the 20-21 year, the external audit team’s fieldwork process, budget vs. actuals from the first quarter of the year, monitoring reports submitted to the Louisiana Department of Education, and the findings from a Charter School Programs (CSP) Audit from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Board members asked questions about the grant process at InspireNOLA and the response to OIG audit, including potential next steps by the USDOE.

K. Alexander arrived at 5:42 pm.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – updates on facilities including Dwight Eisenhower’s split between two buildings, Hurricane Ida Relief funds, the charter renewal cycle, OneApp opening, and an additional transportation vendor. Board members asked questions about Eisenhower’s transition after the fire, facilities expenses, and student enrollment and outreach.

**5. Executive Session:**

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss matters with legal ramifications.

Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by S. Boyard.



No discussion or public comment.  
Motion unanimously carried at 6:10 pm.

**b.** Motion to move out of Executive Session.  
Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by J. Daniels.  
No discussion.  
Motion unanimously carried at 6:35 pm.

Items reported out:

Next Academic Committee Meeting – November 30<sup>th</sup>– 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Finance Committee Meeting – December 1<sup>st</sup>– 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – December 13<sup>th</sup>– 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, S. Rogers made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Boyard.  
Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.