



InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2021

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Stephen Boyard, Karren Alexander, Shawn Rogers, Jay Daniels, and MaryJo Roberts. Freddie King III, James Dabney, 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 5:43 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 October 25 and November 30.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from October 25 and November 30.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Dr. Wylene Sorapuru included – the trends in beginning-of-year assessment data, mental wellness curriculum initiatives, and an Advanced Academy in the spring. Board members asked questions about preparing seniors for graduation and additional personnel hired to address learning gaps.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – the audit team and process, the audit presentation, and Budget Revision 1. Board members asked questions about additional finance positions and an update on asset management.

**a. Three items up for approval**

Motion to revise the bank signature cards for Capdau and Harte.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**b. Motion to approve Budget Revision 1.**

Motion by S. Boyard, seconded by S. Rogers.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**c. Motion to accept the 2020-21 InspireNOLA Audit.**

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

No discussion or public comment.



Motion unanimously carried.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely and Latoye Brown included – COVID policies and procedures, leadership transitions, charter renewals, talent, and enrollment at InspireNOLA’s smallest school. Board members asked questions about bus routes, charter renewals, charter school growth funding, and communication with families.

Items reported out:

Everyone on the Board must complete their 2021 Louisiana Board Member Ethics training by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board will be in touch about choosing a date for a special meeting before the end of the year.

Next Academic Committee Meeting – February 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Finance Committee Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – February 21<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, S. Boyard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Daniels. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.