



InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2022

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: James Dabney, Dana Wade, Stephen Boyard, MaryJo Roberts, Karren Alexander, and Shawn Rogers. Jay Daniels was 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 February 21, April 5, and April 6.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from February 21, April 5, and April 6.

Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by J. Dabney.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Dr. James Dabney and Dr. Wylene Sorapuru included – staff and scholar resiliency, the start of State testing, student experiences, the results of a credit recovery audit, and internal forensic auditing procedures and training. A Board member asked a question about Individual Graduation Plans (IPGs).

K. Alexander arrived at 5:35 pm.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard and Charlie Mackles included – opening an account at Hancock Whitney, local per pupil revenue, teacher and paraprofessional salaries, and the introduction of the 22-23 proposed Budget. The Board marked the budget as received. Board members asked questions about the impact of proposed legislation regarding teacher salaries.

S. Rogers arrived at 5:46 pm.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve opening a bank account at Hancock Whitney.

Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by J. Dabney.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – OneApp demand for InspireNOLA schools, staff focus groups, facility updates, fundraising efforts, and the prioritization of talent and staffing for the upcoming school year. Board members asked questions about the staff interview process, student suspension rates, and the updates to Karr’s track field.

**5. Executive Session:**

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the CEO’s performance.

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

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried at 6:08 pm.

Motion to move out of Executive Session.

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

Motion unanimously carried at 6:30 pm.

**6. CEO Performance Review:**

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the performance recommendation for the CEO.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

Items reported out:

Board members must submit their Tier III Financial Disclosures to the State by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Public Budget Hearing – June 27<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – June 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, K. Alexander made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by D. Wade. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.