



InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT  
JULY 16, 2022

The annual retreat for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July at 8:30 AM at the Alice Harte Charter School with the following members in attendance and participating: Stephen Boyard, Dana Wade, Shawn Rogers, Jay Daniels, MaryJo Roberts, James Dabney, and Karren Alexander. No one was absent. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, John Green, Charlie Mackles, Latoye Brown, Wylene Sorapuru, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 am and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

**1. Consent of Minutes:**

The minutes were reviewed ahead of time from the meeting on June 27.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from June 27.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. CEO Updates and Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – the 22-23 school year theme and goals, staffing updates and initiatives, student enrollment, and school leadership. Board members asked questions about the number of new staff, staffing vacancies, leadership structure, and performance management.

**3. Finance Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – ESSER funding tracking, staff pay increases, average salaries, and enrollment comparisons. Board members asked questions about different funding streams, financial literacy instruction for students, exiting staff, and enrollment trends across New Orleans.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the 22-23 bank signature cards.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**4. Academic Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Dr. Wylene Sorapuru included – the State’s estimated timeline for release of LEAP scores, academic goals and initiatives, and proposed changes to the State’s School Performance Score (SPS) grading. Board members asked questions including parents in academics and ACT averages.

**5. Operations Report:**

Items reported and discussed by John Green included – school safety enhancements and a vendors and services list. Board members asked questions about the Raptor system, mental health interventions, and school security.

**6. Strategy Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Latoye Brown included – an organizational events calendar comprehensive of community impact events, professional networking events, and student focused initiatives.

**7. Board Election:**

The annual Board Election took place.

J. Daniels nominated M. Roberts for Board President.

No other nominations were submitted.

**a. Four items up for approval**

Motion to close the nomination for M. Roberts as Board President.

Motion to move to elect M. Rogers as Board President by acclamation.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

M. Roberts nominated S. Rogers as 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.

Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by K. Alexander.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

S. Boyard nominated J. Daniels as Board Secretary.

No other nominations were submitted.

**c. Motion to close the nomination for J. Daniels as Board Secretary.**

Motion to move to elect J. Daniels as Board Secretary by acclamation.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

M. Roberts nominated S. Boyard as Board Treasurer.

No other nominations were submitted.

**d. Motion to close the nomination for S. Boyard as Board Treasurer.**

Motion to move to elect S. Boyard as Board Treasurer.



Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by J. Daniels.  
No discussion or public comment.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Items reported out:

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

Next Finance Committee Meeting – August 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, M. Roberts made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Daniels. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.