



InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2023

The bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Stephen Boyard, Shawn Rogers, Karren Alexander, Jay Daniels, and James Dabney. MaryJo Roberts and Dana Wade were absent. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Dr. Wylene Sorapuru, Charlie Mackles, Latoye Brown, and Kristie Gonzalez.

S. Rogers led the meeting in M. Roberts' absence. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 30 and December 5.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from October 5 and December 5.

Motion by J. Daniels, 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 – School Performance Scores (SPS), the 24-25 SPS scale change, and proposed updates to the matriculation of seniors in the Pupil Progression Plan. A board member asked a question about the matriculation requirements.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the revision of matriculation requirements in the Pupil Progression Plan.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard and Charlie Mackles included – the preliminary unmodified opinion on the 22-23 external audit and a change to the Bank Signature Card for Dwight Eisenhower.

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to revise the Bank Signature Card for Dwight Eisenhower.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**b. Motion to accept the 22-23 Audit as presented to the Finance Committee.**

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed Jamar McKneely included – the renewal of McDonogh 35, STEM partnerships, talent referrals, Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, and operations updates and upcoming contract negotiations. Board members asked questions about food services, contracts, and the InspireNOLA 10-year Gala.

Items reported out:

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

Finance Committee Meeting – January 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Board Meeting – February 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

The Board has completed their 2023 Ethics training.

All Board members must have completed a NOLA-PS training by the end of the year.

There being no further business, S. Boyard made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Dabney. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.