

**KIPP Gaston College Preparatory Board Minutes**  
**August 21, 2013**  
**6:00 pm**

**Approved 9/18/13**

**Board Members Present:** Ronald Smith, Richard Stimson, Vershenia Moody, Randi Dikeman, Curtis Wynn, Gail Worthington (via phone)

**Board Members Not Present at Call to Order:** Barbara Hasty, Bob Caudle, Constance Jones, William Shipp

**Call to Order:** 6:06pm

**Quorum Present:** At call to order

**Executive Director Present:** Tammi Sutton

**School Leaders Present:** Michele Stallings, Kevika Amar, Emily Cook Dwight, Marlo Wilkins

**Other Execs Present:** Suzie Goertemiller, Dawn Arthur

**The meeting was called to order by Mr. Smith at 6:06pm.**

**BUSINESS DISCUSSED**

Revision of the night's agenda, move #8 (Conflict of Interest Statements) before #5 (Election of Officers)

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Mrs. Moody recapped meetings from April 2013-present: May 2013 meeting was cancelled, Regular June 2013 was held but no quorum so no action taken; Town of Littleton made presentation to board members present about KIPP Halifax College Preparatory. Special meeting held on June 28 re two action items.

Minutes from April 24, 2013 reviewed

Mrs. Moody explained that minutes from special meeting held on June 28 would be submitted before September meeting. Two actions were taken at that meeting re: Renewal of ED contract and approval of budget.

**Dr. Dikeman moved to accept the minutes from April 24, 2013 meeting.**

**Mr. Wynn seconds the motion.**

**Approved**

**Public Comments:**

None

**Board Retreat Considerations**

**Changes to KIPP Gaston and KIPP Halifax Bylaws**

Modifications to Bylaws were proposed and discussed at the Board Retreat on June 1, 2013. Dr. Dikeman presented the proposed changes as discussed and they were reviewed and further discussed. Proposed changes:

**Article IV, Section 4.2, final sentence shall read: "The number of Directors shall be no more than twelve."**

**Article IV, Section 4.3, final sentence shall read: "Directors shall hold office for terms of three years, renewable once, and until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their earlier death, resignation or removal."**

**Article V, Section 5.2, first sentence shall read: “All officers shall be elected by the Directors at their annual meeting and shall hold office for the term of two years, renewable once.”**

**Mr. Wynn moves to amend the KIIPP Gaston and KIPP Halifax Bylaws as proposed.  
Mrs. Moody seconds.  
Approved.**

### **Commitment to Excellence**

Other proposals from Board Retreat were considered. Dr. Dikeman presented the recommendations by members at the Retreat and submitted a Commitment to Excellence for the Board’s consideration. **[See Attached]**

**Mrs. Moody moved to adopt the Commitment to Excellence  
Mr. Wynn seconds.  
Approved.**

### **Conflict of Interest Statements**

Mr. Smith distributed Conflict Statements for each Board Member to sign.

Mr. Wynn disclosed a potential conflict involving FedBid, a company with which his company, REC, has a relationship. FedBid may or may not engage in business with KIPP GCP or HCP in the future. After discussion, it was determined that if FedBid does business with KIPP GCP or KIPP HCP, the Board is unlikely to have any involvement with the decision to engage the company, and unlikely to have any direct participation in dealing with the company. To the extent that the Board may need to make decisions regarding that business relationship, Mr. Wynn will recuse himself from any vote or decision making.

### **Election of Officers for KIPP GCP and KIP HCP**

**Dr. Stimson, after serving 13 years, resigns from the Board of Directors. Thanks and gratitude from the Board is expressed by Mr. Smith and others for his years of dedication and service. He will be greatly missed.**

**Dr. Dikeman nominates Mr. Wynn as Board Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee.**

**Dr. Dikeman nominates Mr. Smith as Chair and himself as Vice Chair (those positions will rotate mid-term).**

**Dr. Dikeman nominates Mrs. Moody as Board Secretary.**

**Mr. Wynn seconds all nominations.  
Approved.**

**The Board appoints Dawn Arthur as Assistant/Recording Secretary**

### **Budget Report**

Mrs. Goertemiller gave the budget report.  
Mr. Wynn & Ms. Sutton elaborate.

**School Report**

Ms. Sutton gave the school report.  
MAP Results explained via slides.

**Mrs. Moody moves to go into closed session.  
Dr. Dikeman seconds.  
Approved (7:49pm)**

**[CLOSED SESSION]**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMES AT 8:38pm.**

**Mrs. Moody moves to adjourn the meeting.  
Mr. Wynn seconds.  
Adjourned (8:39pm)**

**Closed Session Minutes 8/21/13**

**Closed Session begins 8:00pm**

**Business Discussed**

**Long-term suspension issue. 9<sup>th</sup> Grader: Guy Caine brought weapon to school last school year. Now is seeking approval to re-enroll. Student addressed the board and the board asked questions. After discussion board voted.**

**Mrs. Moody moved that the Board allow student to re-enroll at KIPP Gaston**

**Mr. Wynn seconds.**

**Approved.**

**Guidelines/Procedure is needs to be established for handling of finances.**

**Finance Committee will come up with suggestions and make recommendations to the board at the next meeting.**

**KIPP Halifax Update provided by Ms. Sutton.**

**Mrs. Moody moved to go back into open session.**

**Mr. Wynn seconds.**

**Approved.**

**Closed Session ends 8:38pm.**