

Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024, 4:30-6PM

**Board members present**

Christine Kemper- Board Chair

Julia Tomasic- Secretary

Lisa Hardwick

Samara Crawford-Herrera

Sly James (arrived at 4:43pm)

Thalia Cherry

**Members Absent:**

 Debby Ballard

**Guests present:**

Nicole Smith, KCGPA Interim CEO

Kara Kahn, KCGPA, Director of Development

Dani Murphy

Marisol Rodriguez, Insignia

Caroline Dornan, KCGPA, Assistant School Leader

Lesley Elwell

Small group of teachers, in person and on-line

1. **Opening**
2. The meeting was called to order by C. Kemper at 4:34pm. Roll Call was taken, the above members and guests were present, with the listed member absent.
3. Approval of Minutes- S. Crawford-Herrera moved to approve the September, 2024 Minutes, T. Cherry seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Public Comments- Several teachers gave public comments.
5. **Finance and CEO Report**

 A. School Financials- An overview of the school’s finances was presented by N. Smith. All of the information had been previously reviewed/approved by the Finance Committee. J. Tomasic moved to approve the September financials and check register. S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. Foundation Financials- As an FYI, N. Smith and K. Kahn gave an overview of the Foundation’s finances, to include fundraising and grants.

C. CEO Report- N. Smith and D. Murphy covered all enrollment and attendance data as well as preliminary MAP data. N. Smith updated the Board on teachers and school leadership information. C. Kemper reviewed the information from the CEO Search Committee meeting and S. Crawford-Herrera presented her Teacher Communications Report.

D. Insurance Information for Review- N. Smith reviewed the insurance information and advised that it will be presented with further details at the next meeting.

1. **New Business**
2. Eli Bresky Vote- L. Hardwick reviewed information about Eli Bresky and entertained a motion for Bresky’s addition to the KCGPA Board. J. Tomasic moved for Bresky’s appointment to the Board, S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
3. Reappointment of Board members- L. Hardwick moved to retain the following Board members for another term; C. Kemper as Chair, L. Hardwick as Vice-Chair, J. Tomasic as Secretary and S. James as a Board Member. S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Commission Site Visit- N. Smith informed the Board of all that has happened during the site visit to KCGPA. M. Rodriguez gave comments with regard to her role.
5. School Bond Update- C. Kemper and N. Smith advised of the latest information and changes to the MOU regarding the vote on the upcoming GO Bond.
6. Strategic Planning Session- C. Kemper reminded all that our planning session would be on 10-25-24, from 10am-3pm at KCGPA.
7. **Executive Session**
8. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to go into closed/Executive Session at 5:26pm. A roll call vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously to end the Executive Session at 5:37pm.

 **4. Closing**

A. C. Kemper sought meeting feedback. J. Tomasic moved to adjourn, S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:38pm.