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Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025, 4:30-6PM

**Board members present**

Christine Kemper- Board Chair

Julia Tomasic- Secretary

Lisa Hardwick

Sly James (arrived at 5:01pm)

Thalia Cherry (arrived at 4:39pm)

Debby Ballard

**Members Absent: None**

Samara Crawford-Herrera

Tammy Robinson

**Guests present:**

Dr. Nicole Smith, KCGPA CEO

Kara Kahn, KCGPA, Director of Development

Dani Murphy, KCGPA

Kiana Brown, KCGPA

Small group of teachers/faculty, on-line

Laurel Bounds, Missouri Public Charter School Commission, Accountability Specialist

Susan Esher, Finance Committee

1. **Opening**
2. The meeting was called to order by C. Kemper at 4:31pm. Roll Call was taken, the above members and guests were present. The listed members were absent.

**The chair changed the order of business to wait for a quorum to be present.**

1. Presentation by MPCSA- L. Bounds presented the results of KCGPA’s Annual Report and reviewed highlights from the data. Time was made for discussion and questions.
2. Public Comments- There were no public comments
3. Approval of Minutes- (accomplished after a portion of CEO Report) J. Tomasic moved to approve the February, 2025 Minutes, L. Hardwick seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. **Finance and CEO Report**

A. School Financials- An overview of the school’s finances was presented by C. Kemper. All of the information had been previously reviewed/approved by the Finance Committee. J. Tomasic moved to approve the February financials and check registers. L. Hardwick seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. Foundation Financials- As an FYI, K. Kahn gave an overview of the Foundation’s finances. She highlighted a few recent grants and noted KCGPA is exceeding goals for FY25.

C. CEO Report- D. Murphy reviewed all current enrollment and attendance data, as well as projected data for 25/26 and application numbers. There were no changes in hiring/retention.

D. Academic Updates – N. Smith reviewed all of the details for the Interim Assessments and data for all grades. She explained current levels and recommendations after IA-3. Time was made for questions and discussion.

E. GO Bond Update- N. Smith provided all of the latest information on the KCPS GO Bond, reminding all of the vote on April 8th, 2025. She provided yard signs for Board members

E. Leadership Team Reports, Dean’s Report- N. Smith informed the Board that Coach Ibraham Ramsey will be taking on the role of Student Support Facilitator.

F. Immigration Policies- N. Smith advised that the new policies (previously provided to the Board for review) would be added to the school’s handbook and requested a vote. L. Hardwick moved to add the policies to the KCGPA Handbook, J. Tomasic seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

1. **New Business**
2. New Board Member Vote- D. Ballard introduced Susan Esher and then S. Esher spoke briefly about herself. D. Ballard moved to add S. Esher to the KCGPA Board. J. Tomasic seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the addition of S. Esher to the KCGPA Board, beginning in April, 2025.
3. Board Assessments- L. Hardwick advised that the Board Assessments will be going out soon (via an email link to Board on Track) and will be due by 4-15-25.
4. **Closing**

1. C. Kemper sought meeting feedback
2. Adjournment- J. Tomasic moved to adjourn, C. Kemper seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:40pm.