

Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024, 4:30-6PM

**Board members present**

Christine Kemper- Board Chair

Julia Tomasic- Secretary

Lisa Hardwick

Samara Crawford-Herrera

Sly James (arrived at 4:39pm)

Thalia Cherry

Debby Ballard

**Members Absent: None**

**Guests present:**

Nicole Smith, KCGPA Interim CEO

Kara Kahn, KCGPA, Director of Development

Marth Salinas, Finance Committee

Robbyn Wahby, ED of Missouri Charter Public School Commission

Small group of teachers/faculty, in person and on-line

1. **Opening**
2. The meeting was called to order by C. Kemper at 4:33pm. Roll Call was taken, the above members and guests were present.
3. Approval of Minutes- J. Tomasic moved to approve the October, 2024 Minutes, T. Cherry seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Public Comments- There were no 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. S. James moved to approve the October financials and check register. D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. Foundation Financials- As an FYI, C. Kemper and K. Kahn gave an overview of the Foundation’s finances, to include fundraising, grants and the Holiday Assistance Program.

C. CEO Report- N. Smith reviewed all enrollment and attendance data, as well as hiring and retention numbers. N. Smith presented all of the Leadership Teams reports.

D. Insurance Information for Review- N. Smith reviewed the school’s insurance information.

E. Strategic Plan Updates- N. Smith advised that the final Strategic Plan is being finished and should be ready for a vote at the January meeting.

F. Personal Finance Disclosures- N. Smith reminded all that the disclosures are due on 12-16-24.

1. **New Business**
2. School Bond Update- C. Kemper and N. Smith updated the Board on the latest with regard to the KCPS GO Bond and the upcoming election. J. Tomasic moved to ratify the previous email vote to participate in the GO Bond. S. James seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the ratification of the email vote.
3. Appointment of a new Board member- D. Ballard presented information (previously given to the Board) about Tammi Robinson, recommending her for Board membership. S. James moved to add Robinson to the Board, T. Cherry seconded and the Board voted unanimously to add Tammi Robinson to the Board of KCGPA.
4. Presentation by Robbyn Wahby- R. Wahby reviewed and explained the MAP and APR data that will be published for the public soon. R. Wahby also explained how the data relates to their sponsorship and accreditation. R. Wahby advised that KCGPA’s charter sponsorship was being renewed by the Missouri Charter Public School Commission.
5. CEO Vote- C. Kemper reviewed the findings of the search committee and asked for a motion to make Dr. Nicole Smith the permanent CEO of KCGPA. J. Tomasic moved, D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve making N. Smith the permanent CEO.
6. Handbook updates- N. Smith reviewed a restraint policy, approved by DESE and asked that it be added to the KCGPA handbook. S. James moved that the policy be added to the handbook, D. Ballard seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
7. Teacher Communications Report – S. Crawford-Herrera presented her Teacher Communications info and gave updates.
8. **Executive Session**
9. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to go into closed/Executive Session at 5:536pm. A roll call vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously to end the Executive Session at 6:14pm.

 **4. Closing**

A. Adjournment- C. Kemper sought meeting feedback. J. Tomasic moved to adjourn, C. Kemper seconded the motion and Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15pm.