

KIPP DELTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Call to Order & Roll Call

The KIPP Delta Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Chairman George Cotton, Sr. called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

A roll call confirmed the presence of Board members George Cotton, Sr., Chairman; Judge Chalk S. Mitchell; Von Daniels; Kevin Smith, Interim Executive Director; and Vince Billingsley. No board members were absent.

Public Comment

No public comments were made. Attendees were informed about the chat feature for submitting feedback or questions.

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Cotton provided updates confirming that all board members had completed the required training hours for Board Certification. The Board discussed plans to increase board membership with diverse perspectives (gender, racial, and age diversity).

Community members encouraged to address school-level issues through appropriate channels before involving the Board.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Kevin Smith provided updates on key areas:

Special Education (SPED)—Significant progress has been made in addressing state-mandated corrections. SPED team was commended for addressing complaints and implementing compensatory services. A visual tracker for monitoring compensatory hours and ongoing service provision was shared with the board.

Academic Achievement—KIPP Delta surpassed state-mandated literacy goals, removing the need for bi-weekly state check-ins.

Financial Report—Monthly payroll is approximately \$600,000 for personnel and \$250,000 for benefits. Audit corrections and improvements to financial tracking systems are in progress. An audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is also underway.

ESSR-Funded Projects—The roofing project started at the Blytheville campus. The Helena campus plans to transition from modular units to permanent structures.

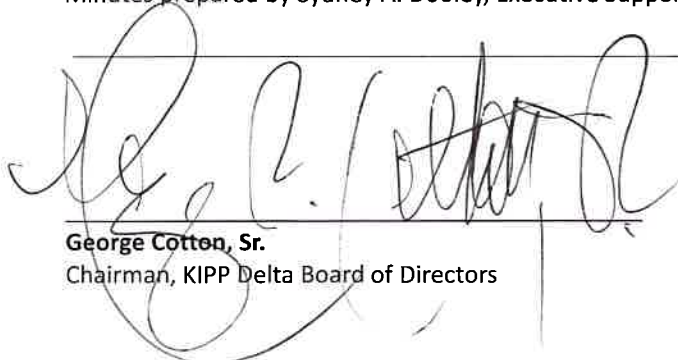
Policy Manual Updates—The board will review and approve an updated policy manual, which it plans to finalize by February 2025.

Legislative Engagement—Board members are encouraged to meet with legislators to discuss issues affecting KIPP Delta schools.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Vince Billingsley, seconded by Von Daniels. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sydney A. Dooley, Executive Support Manager.



George Cotton, Sr.
Chairman, KIPP Delta Board of Directors



Kevin A. Smith
Interim Executive Director, KIPP Delta Public Schools