

KIPP DELTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 2025

Call to Order & Roll Call

The KIPP Delta Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, December 18, 2025. Chairman George Cotton, Sr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A roll call confirmed the presence of Board members George Cotton, Sr., Chairman; Von Daniels; Vince Billingsley; Kevin Smith, Interim Executive Director; and Judge Chalk Mitchell. No Board members were absent. Initial quorum was not established; Judge Mitchell joined at 5:10 p.m., establishing quorum.

Staff and guests present included Jennifer Ellis, Acting Director of Academics; Rebecca Worsham, Legal Counsel; and others noted in discussions.

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval.

Interim Executive Director's Report

Kevin Smith provided updates on key areas:

- **Academic Department**
Jennifer Ellis was appointed Acting Director of Academics to streamline academic processes and meet deadlines.
- **Security Issues**
The Challenges at KIPP Delta (Helena) High School were discussed, and the possibility of hiring a resource officer to enhance security was explored.
- **Policy Manual Updates**
The board will review a revised Arkansas Public School Resource Council policy manual.
- **Campus Visits**
Provided Christmas lunch for Helena campus staff and planned similar efforts at the Blytheville campus.
- **Audit Updates**
Addressed coding and documentation issues from prior audits. Working toward compliance.
- **ESSR Fund Management**
Adjusted agreement terms for proper reimbursement processes.

Action Items

- **Approval of Interim Director Kevin Smith as Bank Signatory**
The motion was made by Von Daniels and seconded by Judge Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Future Board Meetings**
Scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. starting January 2025.

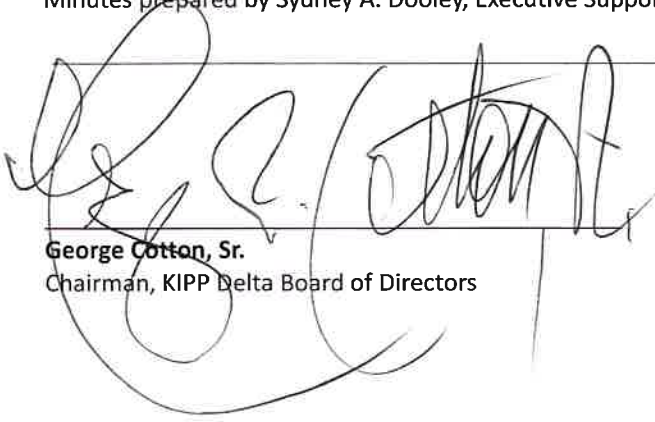
Discussions

- **Board Certification**
Reminder to complete required certification by December 30, 2024, to comply with state laws.
- **Community Engagement**
Proposed public listening sessions to strengthen connections with stakeholders.
- **KIPP Alumni Committee**
Newly formed committee to collaborate with the board and share alumni insights.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Von Daniels, seconded by Judge Mitchell and Vince Billingsley. 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