

April 13th Kids Hope Alliance Board Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions and Instructions

Dr. Marvin Wells

Dr. Marvin Wells called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., with Tyra Tutor, Rose Conry, Kevin Gay, Rebekah Davis, Marsha Oliver, and Jenny Vipperman in attendance. Dr. Marvin Wells shared updates regarding KHA; recognizing Dr. Saralyn Grass for being recognized as one of the Women of Distinction for 2022, sharing a story of KHA staff member Sylvester Pinckney accompanying a trip to the NFL Hall of Fame, and an event hosted by KHA Jacksonville Public Education Fund and other partners at TIAA Bank Field for the Read Jacksonville Initiative. Rose Conry commented that she was in attendance for the Read Jacksonville event, and that it was a wonderful high energy event.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Marvin Wells

The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

3. Finance Committee Report

Tyra Tutor

Tyra Tutor reported on the Finance Committee taken place on April 6th. Jenny Vipperman and Rebekah Davis were present, and the committee reviewed the February 2022 financials. The prior year FY2020/2021 results have not been closed by the city. The Committee reviewed and approved the action items below on the consent agenda.

4. Governance and Programs Committee Report

Rose Conry

Rose Conry reported on the Governance Committee taken place on April 4th. Kevin Gay was in attendance with Marsha Oliver absent. The Committee reviewed and approved the action items below on the consent agenda in addition to the board self-evaluation which will be taken up later in the meeting.

5. Consent Agenda

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Saralyn Grass presented the consent agenda, and stated that Goodwill industries was taken off of one of the items so it could be voted on separately and a Board member can recuse themselves. Dr. Marvin Wells stated that the Governance and Programs Committee and Finance Committees both extensively reviewed the items. The consent agenda was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

- a. Contract Exemptions FY22-23**
- b. Contract Extensions FY22-23**
- c. Single Source Contracts FY 22-23**
- d. Out of School Time Contract Renewals FY22-23**

6. Action Items

a. Goodwill Sole Source

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Saralyn Grass read the Goodwill sole source action item. Rose Conry abstained from voting for the action item, and filed her conflict of interest. Moved, seconded, and approved 6-0 (Conry abstained).

b. Handle With Care Grant Application

Tyrica Young

Tyrica Young read the Handle with Care Grant Application, and the item was moved and seconded. Dr. Marvin Wells asked if the item was \$100,000 total or \$100,000 per year. Mrs. Young confirmed that it was \$100,000 per year. Rose Conry asked if this was requesting \$30,000 one time, or \$30,000 per year. Mrs. Young responded by saying that the \$30,000 is for the initial year and as the program continues, the number may decrease but is necessary for things not covered by the grant and would have to come back to the board for more budget if needed.

Dr. Dana Kriznar from Duval County Public Schools spoke regarding the initiative and how it actually works.

Ebony Payne-English from the Performers Academy made a public comment regarding the item. Mrs. Payne-English commented about how much this initiative would do for the kids that she serves.

Dr. Marvin Wells asked for an update from the project once it is implemented. The item was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

7. Board Discussion

a. Board Self-Evaluation Tool

Rose Conry

Shari Shuman presented the Board Self-Evaluation Tool. Dr. Marvin Wells asked for Board members to submit their comments to Cory Armstrong to incorporate by next meeting.

b. CEO Evaluation

Dr. Marvin Wells

Dr. Marvin Wells presented the results for the CEO evaluation. He stated that the Board determined that Mr. Weinstein's performance has been excellent. He asked if the Board had any comments to share on the CEO evaluation please do so. Rose Conry, Kevin Gay, and Tyra Tutor all complimented Mr. Weinstein and thanked him for his service to the City of Jacksonville and community.

Mr. Weinstein thanked everyone for their comments and explained his management style of providing staff with what they need and encourage the staff and support them. Mr. Weinstein said that he appreciated being a part of the team and thanked the Board again.

8. Staff Discussion

a. Programs Update

Kenneth Darity

Kenneth Darity took time to thank Mr. Weinstein for his leadership as well. Mr. Darity said that for the month of March KHA served 10,087 youth, which was a drop of 500 youth from February likely due to Spring Break. Mr. Darity said staff was on track to accomplish all site assessments.

Dr. Wells asked for updates regarding site visits in the last month. Jenny Vipperman spoke regarding her site visit to the Performers Academy with Ebony Payne-English.

Dr. Marvin Wells spoke regarding his visit to JaxPAL Westside.

b. CEO Delegation

Dr. Saralyn Grass

Dr. Saralyn Grass shared that under the CEO delegation authority the staff renewed a \$140,000 contract for Teen Court. She also informed the Board of the legislation going through City Council for a lease for the Giving Closet Project.

9. Presentations

a. Jacksonville Arts and Music Schools

Jason Peoples

Jason Peoples made a presentation on the KHA funded provider Jacksonville Arts and Music School. Dr. Marvin Wells asked how many children are being served and what are the goals for the future. Right now JAMS has 73 students, that is 3 over what they aimed for through the school year. The contract is for 100 students but through the covid-19 pandemic they hoped to adequately spread students out.

b. The Giving Closet

Jennifer Smith

Jennifer Smith presented on the non-profit organization that she founded, the Giving Closet Project. Dr. Wells thanked her for the presentation and commented how he was moved by her passion.

c. Acuity Design Group

Cantrice Jones

Laraya Strong started the presentation and introduced the firm who helps with communications projects, led by Cantrece Jones. Cantrece Jones presented on Acuity Design Group, as the president of the firm, and the communications projects which they support KHA in.

10. CEO Report

Mike Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein updated the Board of the Jacksonville Grade Level Reading Campaign steering committee which will meet later in the day. He also let the Board know that the Viewpoint project was filmed and a draft of the project was shown to staff.

Saralyn Grass asked Dr. Marvin Wells if he wanted to talk about the Nominating Committee though it was left off of the agenda. Dr. Wells appointed Kevin Gay, Jenny Vipperman and Rebekah Davis to the Nominating Committee and asked that they come back to the next Board meeting with recommendations for 2022/2023 Board Officers.

11. Public Comment

Stanley Scott made a public comment thanking Mr. Weinstein for his time. He expressed frustration that Jacksonville is not progressing. He also spoke about family infrastructure.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.