

## 1. Introductions and Instructions

Tyra Tutor, Board Chair

Tyra Tutor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and began by welcoming those in attendance.

Members present - Tyra Tutor, Rose Conry, Kevin Gay, Dr. Marvin Wells, Jenny Vipperman, Marsha Oliver (via Zoom)

Members Absent - Rebecca Davis

Liaisons Present - Dr. Dana Kriznar, DCPS Acting Superintendent, Chief Morris Halyard III, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Amber Holley, Jacksonville Public Library

## 2. Employee Recognition

Tyra Tutor, Board Chair

Tyra Tutor recognized Danielle Deverson for achieving 15 years of service. Ms. Tutor thanked Danielle for her dedication and hard work and then welcomed her to the front of the room where she presented her with a special service pin in recognition of her tenure.

## 3. Public Comment

Tyra Tutor indicated that public comments would be taken at the beginning of the meeting for all items that will be voted on at the meeting. These comments should only be in reference to those action items below. A separate public comment time will be open at the end of the meeting for any general comments to be made by the public. There were no public comments.

## 4. Approval of July Board Minutes

Tyra Tutor, Board Chair

Tyra Tutor asked for a motion to approve the July 2023 Board minutes.

Motion - Dr. Marvin Wells

Second - Kevin Gay

Approved 5-0

## 5. Finance Update and Approval of Minutes

Tyra Tutor, Board Chair

Tyra Tutor provided a brief overview of the June 7th Finance meeting, there were no questions. She then made a motion for approval of the minutes.

Second - Jenny Vipperman

Approved 5-0

**6. Governance Update and Approval of Minutes**

Rose Conry, Governance Chair

Rose Conry summarized the June 5th Governance meeting, and no questions were raised.

Motion - Dr. Marvin Wells

Second - Rose Conry

Approved 5-0

**7. Eastside Back to School Event**

Chief Morris Halyard III, JSO

Chief Morris Halyard provided an overview of the Eastside Back to School Event which included the distribution of school supplies to families in need.

**8. Summer Field Trip Highlight**

Lucy Chen, Cathedral Arts Project/Florida Theatre

Lucy Chen summarized their recent field trips to the Florida Theatre and explained the correlation between the arts and academic improvement.

**9. Announcement of Funded Providers FY 2023-2024**

Kenneth Darity, Chief Programs Officer

Kenneth Darity announced the 2023-2024 awardees of city funding for the Afterschool and Summer Programming, Services to Children, Youth and Their Families and Read Jax Pilot RFPs. Dr. Grass explained the funding scheme which was used to determine funding and mentioned that additional funding is needed to provide more services to youth.

**10. Board Recognition**

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Grass thanked the Board Members for their expertise, commitment and dedication to Kids Hope Alliance and presented each with a signed card and a plaque.

Each Board Member had an opportunity to express their gratitude for the impact they made while serving in this capacity. Mr. Leon Baxton thanked the Board for their great leadership and Dr. Dana Kriznar thanked them for their support of DCPS and the care they have shown her over the last few months.

**11. Board Discussion**

There were no items on the agenda which warranted further discussion.

**12. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **13. CEO Report**

Dr. Saralyn Grass, Chief Executive Officer

Jacksonville Public Library

Dr. Grass introduced Amber Holley, Jax. Public Library, who provided an overview of the upcoming Jax Book Club event which will feature books that were recently rewritten by local authors. These books will be distributed to VPK students throughout the county.

Transition Committee Meetings

Dr. Grass explained that she and other KHA Staff had the privilege to participate in recent COJ Transition Committee meetings and make recommendations for additional literacy funding and the return of Jax Journey programs.

RFPs

Next, Dr. Grass explained that only 2 providers were not awarded funding. One provider did not meet the minimum threshold of 89 points and the other applicant missed the submission deadline. Both providers were considered for 6-month extensions and in one case the extension was granted. Unfortunately, the other provider has an unpaid advance and does not qualify for the extension.

23 new providers were awarded funding for the Afterschool and Summer Funding RFP. One third to one half of the programs experienced a reduction in seats due to adding additional schools and in reviewing attendance in the prior school year. Approximately \$1.5 million dollars is needed to get all providers back to their original seat counts and this request for additional funding will be made to the City Council.

COJ Budget Presentation

She then shared that KHA's budget presentation to City Council would take place on 8/24 and that she has been meeting with Council members to share information regarding KHA's programs and provide context for the budget requests.

Contracts

Dr. Grass commended KHA Staff for their hard work and dedication in scoring RFP responses and processing contracts. She mentioned that we just processed the highest number of contracts using DocuSign. She also thanked the providers for their patience and indicated that the new Board members will appear before the Rules Committee on 9/5 and once they are confirmed, an October Board meeting will be scheduled.

Finally, Dr. Grass thanked the Board members for all their guidance and support throughout her tenure.

### **14. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Tyra Tutor at 3:00 p.m.