

Kids Hope Alliance - November Board Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2023

1. Introductions and Instructions

Kevin Gay, Meeting Chair

Kevin Gay called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked the Board to approve a fellow member's participation via Zoom.

Motion - Marsha Oliver

Second - Carson Tranquille

Approved - 6-0

Members present - Kevin Gay, Marsha Oliver, Lawrence Dennis, Cynthia Nixon, Connie Hodges, Carson Tranquille, Meredith Chartrand-Frisch (via Zoom).

2. New Business

Kevin Gay, Meeting Chair

a. Survey Responses

Mr. Gay announced the results of the Board Nominating Committee Survey for Officers and Committee members.

b. Discussion of Officers FY 2023-2024

After sharing the Survey results, a discussion ensued and the slate of officers was determined to be:

Board Chair - Marsha Oliver

Vice Chair - Kevin Gay

Treasurer - Cynthia Nixon

Secretary - Carson Tranquille

c. Discussion of Committee Assignments FY 2023-2024

Mr. Gay and Dr. Grass explained the roles and responsibilities of the Governance and Finance committees as well as the Chair positions. It was determined that the committees will consist of the following Board Members:

Governance Committee:

Committee Chair - Connie Hodges

Vice-Chair - Meredith Chartrand-Frisch

3rd Member - Lawrence Dennis

Finance Committee:

Committee Chair - Cynthia Nixon

Vice-Chair - Carson Tranquille

3rd Member - Kevin Gay

### 3. Next Steps

Dr. Grass indicated that, upon request, the site visit schedule could be revised to accommodate Board Members' availability. The next matter of business was to determine dates for the upcoming Committee and Board meetings. The following meeting schedule was agreed upon:

Monday, November 27th:

Governance Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4th:

Board Meeting - 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Grass mentioned that on November 6th a survey will be sent to Board members to determine their availability for upcoming meetings. This information will be used by Committee Chairs to create a slate of meeting dates which will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Grass then announced that due to her promotion to CEO, a Chief Strategy Officer position had been advertised and Rodger Belcher will be promoted to this position. She also announced that Kenneth Darity is being promoted to Chief Administrative Officer and to round out the Senior team, Jessica Pitts will be joining them as the Director of Finance. These promotions take effect on November 6th.

Dr. Grass provided an update on the \$5.8 million dollars which is being allocated to KHA from the Mayor's budget. These funds are moving forward to City Council for approval. After City Council approves these additional dollars, the Board will have the opportunity to vote on how the funding will be utilized. Other KHA initiatives include participation in the Mayor's Literacy event on January 20, 2024 and re-establishing a Book Mobile. A rendering of the Book Mobile will be shared at the Mayor's Literacy initiative in January.

Mr. Darity provided programming updates which include the distribution of 2200 Fair tickets to youth in KHA-funded programs, acknowledgement of the collaborative work being performed by staff and a successful Nutrition focus group.

### 4. Public Comment

Mr. Gay asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

Dr. Grass thanked the Board for their leadership and expressed that she is really looking forward to working with them.

**5. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Gay at 2:45p.m.