

**KIPP ACADEMY LYNN CHARTER SCHOOL AND
KIPP ACADEMY BOSTON CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ADVOCACY TAST FORCE OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 9, 2018, 9:00 AM

The meeting of the Advocacy Task Force of the Board of Trustees of **KIPP ACADEMY LYNN CHARTER SCHOOL and KIPP ACADEMY BOSTON CHARTER SCHOOL** (collectively, the “Schools”) convened at 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2018, at 37 Babson Street – Room 231, Mattapan, MA held in compliance with the open meeting laws, at which a quorum of the Trustees was present. The Trustees present Joel Abramson, Tom Beecher, and Caleb Dolan. Trustee Dawn Tillman also joined via phone.

Tom Beecher, the chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. and presided throughout the meeting. Caleb Dolan, Executive Director, kept the minutes of the meeting. Beecher ascertained that sufficient Trustees were present at the meeting, and that, accordingly, a quorum existed.

After welcoming the Trustees who were present at the meeting, Fates presented the agenda as follows: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Review SY18 Advocacy Task Force Priority: Short Term Lynn Seats; and (3) Clarify Advocacy Task Force Work for Spring 2018.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tom Beecher, Chair, opened the meeting by introducing the board and guests.

2. Review SY18 Advocacy Task Force Priority: Short Term Lynn Seats

Beecher directed the attention of the committee to the SY19 Advocacy Task Force Priority. Caleb Dolan, Executive Director, reviewed the intricacies and implication of the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)’s decision to not expand charter schools in Lynn. Dolan also emphasized that Cliff Chuang, Senior Associate Commissioner for Educational Options at DESE, met with KIPP Lynn families and staff in March to answer questions about the decision.

3. Clarify Advocacy Task Force Work for Spring 2018

Beecher next directed the attention of the committee to the Advocacy Task Force Work for Spring 2018. Dolan shared that families are being encouraged to take their own steps in advocacy in the spring and summer. Dolan also noted that KIPP Massachusetts is committed to family organizing, even though the Lynn seat expansion work is difficult in the near term, and that board members can support family engagement by reaching out to current and potential future supporters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

List of Documents Used at the Meeting

- DESE Lynn Expansion Decision Recap Memo
- Advocacy Steps for Families Handout

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