

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

**October 3, 2017, 8:00 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 8:00 a.m. on October 3, 2017 via conference line, held in compliance with the open meeting laws, at which a quorum of the Trustees was present. The Trustees present Tom Beecher, Caleb Dolan, and Mike Kendall. Trustees absent were Joel Abrahamson. Also present were Natasha Megie-Maddrey and Mekka Smith.

Tom Beecher, the chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. and presided throughout the meeting. Mekka Smith, Chief of Staff, 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) Updates to Advocacy Staffing Model; (3) Recent Work; and (4) Increasing Charter Seats in Lynn: Power Mapping.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Tom Beecher, Chair, opened the meeting by introducing the board and guests, including Natasha Megie-Maddrey, a KIPP Massachusetts parent.

**2. Updates to Advocacy Staffing Model**

Beecher directed the attention of the committee to the Updates to Advocacy Staffing Model. Caleb Dolan, Executive Director, gave background Emily DoBell and Farida M. Graham, who are participating in the Fisher Fellowship with the KIPP Foundation to become founding principals of the schools that would be created from the additional seats which KIPP Academy Lynn Charter Schools is applying. Mekka Smith, Chief of Staff, described the needed advocacy to support this application process and its creation of this task force, along with the consideration of adding additional administrative support.

**3. Recent Work**

Beecher next directed the attention of the committee to the Recent Work. Smith shared recent topics from the weekly advocacy calls held by KIPP Massachusetts staff, such as seeking community letters of support for expansion. Additionally, Smith mentioned upcoming events to garner support, such as a community barbeque.

**4. Increasing Charter Seats in Lynn: Power Mapping**

Beecher then directed the attention of the committee to Increasing Charter Seats in Lynn: Power Mapping. Beecher and Dolan opened the section with a conversation about identifying connections to people at the local and state level. Dolan then led a power mapping activity with the MA Board of Education members, as well as state representatives.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

List of Documents Used at the Meeting

- Advocacy Dashboard

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Joel Abramson, Secretary

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