

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

**May 16, 2017  
9:00 a.m.**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees Advocacy Task Force of **KIPP ACADEMY LYNN CHARTER SCHOOL and KIPP ACADEMY BOSTON CHARTER SCHOOL** (collectively, the “Schools”) convened at 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2017, at 20 Wheeler St. Lynn, MA, held in compliance with the open meeting laws. The Trustees present were Caleb Dolan, Tom Beecher, and Joel Abramson. The Trustees absent were Michael Kendall. Also present were Kevin Taylor, Mekka Smith, Dawn Tillman, Hugo Carvajal, and John Kalafatas.

Tom Beecher called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and presided throughout the meeting. Mekka Smith, KIPP MA Chief of Staff, kept minutes of the meeting. Beecher presented the agenda as follows: (1) review advocacy priorities (2) clarify SY18 strategies and plans (3) review next steps.

**1. Review KIPP Massachusetts Advocacy Priorities**

Tom Beecher directed the KIPP Massachusetts staff to update the team on advocacy priorities progress from the last meeting. Dolan shared that the region is looking forward to 2019 or 2020 for another potential cap lift vote. The governor remains supportive of charters and states that he will veto anti-charter bills. Carvajal shared that regional staff is attending as many community events as possible and the family and community engagement team is investing in families to choose the issues that they want to push forward.

**2. Clarify SY18 strategies and plans**

The task force discussed what each priority’s outcome would look like in three years. The conversation covered the influence of mayoral elections in Boston and Lynn, as well as the need to become more community-driven to support local organizations that could partner with KIPP MA schools. There was also discussion about increasing the collaboration between families in Boston and Lynn.

**3. Next Steps**

Beecher led the group to agree to the following next steps:

1. Look into creating a 501c4 to support with advocacy work;

2. Think of creative ways to unite families from both communities over advocacy priorities;
3. Create a timeline of how priorities will be addressed over the next 1-3 years. The meeting adjourned at 10:59a.m.

List of Documents Used at the Meeting

- 5/16/17 Advocacy Agenda

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[Joel Abramson, Secretary]

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