

Kids Hope Alliance

**The Jacksonville Partnership for Children, Youth and Families
1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32206**

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information Date: August 21, 2019 Location: 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. 1st floor, Multipurpose Room	Board Member Attendance			
	N	Kevin Gay- Chair	Y	Tyra Tutor
	Y	Dr. Barbara Darby	Y	Dr. Marvin Wells
	N	Rebekah Davis	Y	Donna Orender
	Y	Rose Conry		

Advisory: Rob Mason, Office of the Public Defender; Dana Kriznar and Jackie Simmons, Duval County Public Schools; Laura Lothman, Office of the State Attorney and Andre Ayoub, Jax Sheriff

City Staff: Julia Davis, Dawn Lockhart, and Johnnie Gaffney

KHA Staff: Donnie Horner, Delores Williams, Cynthia Nixon, Kenneth Darity, Tyrica Young, Mary Nash, Lenora Wilson, Dae Lynn Helm, Ruth Waters, Chris McNeilly, Lissette Maldonado, Katoia Wilkins, LaRaya Strong, Joyce Watson, Najera Johnson, Jerelyn Allen, Saralyn Grass, Travis Williams, Sylvester Pinckney, Deborah Sibley and Terri Anderson

Guest: [8.21.19 Guest Sign in.pdf](#)

Agenda Items	Action/Outcome
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. Barbara Darby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Chairman Gay is not in attendance today and has asked Dr. Darby, to chair the meeting. Dr. Darby said that comment cards are available for anyone wishing to speak to an item or for general comments at the conclusion of the meeting. Dr. Darby went over the emergency exit plan.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	Dr. Darby asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19 th board meeting. Rose Conry made the motion to approve and Donna Orender seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. With none being heard, Dr. Darby asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". All were in favor and the minutes passed. Dr. Darby introduced Donnie Horner, Chief Operating Officer of Kids Hope Alliance and stated that due to Mr. Peppers being on administrative leave, Mr. Horner will assume the role of Acting CEO. Dr. Darby read aloud the action item that was Board approved on May 15, 2019 that stated during such times as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kids Hope Alliance

**NEW BUSINESS
ACTION ITEM**

Mary Nash introduced Special Needs RFP Amendment.

The Board is asked to approve an amendment to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Special Needs with the minimum qualifications, scope of services, evaluation criteria and performance metrics substantially in the form presented to the Board. Ms. Nash stated the original RFP was approved in June and that in order to add the \$600,000.00 for the Youth and Family Empowerment Center the RFP had to be amended. Ms. Tutor made the motion and Dr. Wells seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Dr. Wells said he was very favorable of this RFP and fully supports it. Ms. Nash said there will be a bidder's conference tomorrow, August 22, 2018, morning at 10 a.m. for anyone interested. With no other comments being heard, Dr. Darby asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". This motion was passed.

Katoia Wilkins introduced Stop the Violence and Faith

Based No Cost Extensions. The Board is asked to approve the extension of contracts awarded under KHA's Neighborhood Faith-Based Intervention and Prevention Programs RFP and KHA's Stop the Violence Mini Grant Program through March 31, 2020 for organizations that request an extension to complete awarded programs, allow agencies to create new line items and make budget amendments to contracts in excess of 10% of their original budget, but the original award amount will not change, and authorize the CEO to execute amendments to the contracts or other legal documents necessary. Ms. Tutor made the motion and Dr. Wells seconded it. Dr. Darby opened the floor for discussion and public comments. Donna Orender asked for clarification on this action item and Ms. Wilkins said this would allow the providers more time to spend the funds awarded to them for their programs. With no other comments being heard, Dr. Darby asked all in favor to signify by the sign of "aye". This motion was passed.

<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>	<p><u>Dr. Darby read the CEO Administrative Leave Action Item.</u> The Board is asked to authorize Ratify and confirm that the Chief Executive Officer be placed on paid Administrative Leave until the completion of an investigation by the City of Jacksonville Office of Inspector General into allegations of workplace misconduct or until this Board takes further action.</p> <p>Narrative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective August 15, 2019, the CEO was placed on paid Administrative Leave by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the City of Jacksonville. • The Office of General Counsel has recommended that the CEO be placed on paid Administrative Leave during investigations of alleged workplace misconduct consistent with best practices and the employment policies of the City of Jacksonville. <p>Dr. Darby asked for a motion to put this item on the floor for discussion. Ms. Tutor made the motion and Rose Conry seconded it. Dr. Darby stepped out of the chair position to make comments. She stated that she has no objections to receiving this request for informational purposes. Dr. Darby stated that the Board should have been made aware by Administration before this action was taken and brought to the Board for ratification and confirmation.</p>
<p>Action Item</p>	<p>Dr. Darby asked Mr. Jon Phillips several questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the investigation of Mr. Peppers begin? 2. How long will the investigation last? 3. Who will receive the report once completed? 4. Who will have responsibility for taking action on the report? <p>Jon Phillips, from the Office of General Counsel stated that he does not know when the investigation began, there is no time limit to complete the investigation, the report will be made public record, and would be acted on jointly. The responsibility will be between the City and KHA Board members. Ms. Tutor asked if it would affect Mr. Peppers paid leave should the Board not support this action item. Mr. Phillips said it would have no effect on his paid leave. Donna Orender asked what are the responsibilities of the Board and its role? After all comments, Dr. Darby stated she would like to amend the motion to state that this item be received for information only. The Board discussed the amended motion and the request that Dr. Darby spoke of. Dr. Wells stated that he would like it known that he does not support the ratification of this action item to put the CEO on paid admin</p>

	<p>leave. Dr. Wells agrees to accepting this as information only. Dr. Darby asked all those in favor of amending the motion to accept this as information only, please raise your hands. A vote of 3 in favor of amending the motion and 2 against. Dr. Darby realized she had not opened the floor for public comments and retracted the vote to allow public comments. With no public comments being heard, Dr. Darby again asked for a vote on the motion to amend the motion. Dr. Wells asked for clarity on the motion on the table. Dr. Darby explained that she asked the Board to approve amending the motion to accept this action item for information only. The motion to amend was seconded. Dr. Darby asked all in favor to raise their hands. The motion to amend the action item to receive this item as information only was passed by 4 in favor and 1 against. Dr. Darby then asked for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion as amended was voted on by the Board with unanimous approval, 5 in favor and 0 opposed.</p>
<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Rodger Belcher, Director of Data System, gave an update on the KHA Dashboard. Slide presentation attached.</p> <div data-bbox="662 888 711 947" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>8.21.19 Board Packet.pdf</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Terri Florio, Mal Washington, stated this should be about kids and thanked Donnie Horner for his support.</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.</p>