



**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**  
**July 1, 2019**  
**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Voting Board Attendees:**

Dr. Barbara Darby, Committee Chair  
Kevin Gay

**Staff:**

Joe Peppers, Mary Tobin, Adam Miller, Cynthia Nixon, Dae Lynn Helm, Delores Williams, Dr. Jennifer Blalock, John Everett, Donnie Horner, Ruth Waters, Katoia Wilkins, Rodger Belcher, Ira Young, Ja'Keria Hoover, Kharon Beck and Jamari Ingram

**COJ Staff:**

Julia Davis, Office of General Counsel

**Call to Order**

The Governance Committee meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by Dr. Darby. Dr. Darby thanked everyone for coming today and gave instructions for evacuation in the event of an emergency. Dr. Darby asked for a motion to approve with the reflected changes to the Governance Summary presented today. Kevin Gay made the motion and Dr. Darby seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Governance Report and Work plan**

Dr. Darby stated that the work plan has been updated and there was nothing to report. Dr. Darby asked if there were any questions.

**Action Items**

**Adam Miller introduced the Mini Grant Legislation.** The Governance Committee is asked to give Kids Hope Alliance authorization to file legislation to amend Sec. 111.850 Part A, Kids Hope Alliance Trust Fund, to increase the maximum mini grant awards from \$5000 to \$25,000. Mr. Gay made the motion and Dr. Darby seconded it. Mr. Peppers explained the thought around increasing the amount to help those organizations that are growing and have the ability to do more. Katoia Wilkins provided some updates on the Stop the Violence Mini Grants which are funded under the KHA Trust Fund and how the programs are working out thus far.



Conversation continued on making sure that we are always including the smaller organizations and staff's ability to handle more contracts. Dr. Darby talked about the mission and being able to balance mission and workload. With no other discussion or public comments, the motion was passed.

**Ruth Waters introduced the Youth Travel Trust Fund Request.**

The Committee is asked to approve the Travel Trust Fund Request from Jacksonville Children's Chorus Inc. Twenty-four youth will travel to Dublin Ireland to sing at Trinity College, GRUND Retirement Home and the Diocese of Down and Connor. Mr. Gay made the motion and Dr. Darby seconded. Mr. Peppers inquired about the youth that will be participating. Mr. Peppers wanted to make sure that we are serving at Hope Kids. There was conversation on what is at hope youth and not limiting the services. With no other discussion or public comments, the Travel Trust request was approved.

**Dr. Jennifer Blalock introduced the Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant**

**Application request.** KHA will partner with Duval County Public Schools to submit a proposal to implement afterschool and summer programs to high school youth. The potential is to serve about 300 youth at three local high schools to build wraparound services and fill gaps. Mr. Gay made the motion and Dr. Darby seconded it. Mr. Peppers stated that this is an amazing opportunity to do something that we are not doing. Dr. Darby asked if this grant requires a match and how much would that be. Discussion continued on the match amount and where those funds would come from. The Governance Committee made a motion to approve with additional information about the financial impact to KHA being added to the action item and updating the narrative. With no other discussion or public comments, the motion was passed.

**Discussion topics**

After considering all items, the Governance Committee moved to discussion. Mr. Peppers talked about the Diversion RFP that is being worked on by Katoia Wilkins. Mary Tobin stated staff have been working on Board policies for contract amendments and contract probation. These items will be brought to the Governance Committee in August. Dr. Darby spoke about professional courtesy and stated that staff should make sure to acknowledge Board members and to include them in any pictures that are taken when they see them out at our programs and events. Dr. Blalock stated she has been working with Cynthia Nixon on the Open Gyms action item. This is a collaborative effort with Duval County School Board and it is being offered through the Department of Education.

**Public Comments**

No public comments

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.