



# VOTER GUIDE

Board Election Meeting | Wednesday, May 31, 2023

# OUR MISSION

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Together with families and communities, we create joyful, academically excellent schools that prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose—college, career, and beyond—so they can lead fulfilling lives and build a more just world.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- **Board of Directors:** The school's governing body legally responsible for the academic, financial, and operational quality of KIPP Minnesota.
- **Board Members:** All charter schools are required to elect a licensed teacher and a parent of a current student. Other board members are people active in the community with experiences that support the work of the board.
- **Responsibilities:** Board members attend monthly meetings with the CEO and leadership team that are open for all to attend virtually. The board provides strategic vision for the school, brings unique expertise and leadership experience, and makes decisions that help improve the overall structure of KIPP Minnesota for children and families.

# **BOARD CANDIDATES**



## Trent Bowman COMMUNITY REP

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**CURRENT POSITION:** Community Representative

**CURRENT COMMITTEES:** Development Committee  
Chair

**TERMS:** Election for second term

# Patricia Hampton

TEACHER REP

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**CURRENT POSITION:** Parent Representative

**TERMS:** Election for first term





# Prince Jibunor

COMMUNITY REP

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**CURRENT POSITION:** Member

**CURRENT COMMITTEES:** Governance Committee

**TERMS:** Election for first term

# David Milton

COMMUNITY REP

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**CURRENT POSITION:** Treasurer

**CURRENT COMMITTEES:** Finance Committee Chair,  
Executive Committee

**TERMS:** Election for first term





# **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS**



## Nicole Danielson CHAIR

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Nicole Danielson joined the board in 2019. For the prior three years, Nicole was actively involved in the Edina Public School community, serving on the Edina Education Fund Board and as the PTO Vice-President, chairing school carnivals, and founding the Dyslexia Parent Alliance - Edina. Prior to that Nicole worked for GE Healthcare and NXC Imaging in Account Management. She earned her B.S. and Masters of Engineering from Cornell University, while pitching for their Varsity Softball team. Nicole's mother was a high school teacher and her father was a college professor, so she was raised in a house where academics were a high priority. Nicole currently lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two young kids.

## Margie Soran VICE CHAIR

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Margie Soran brings her organizational experience and passion for working with children and families to her work as an educator and community volunteer. Her education and career history was focused on music education for children where she was a secondary vocal music teacher and children's choir director for 25 years. Margie has involved herself as a community volunteer, activist for children and families, and as a nonprofit board member. The current boards are: The Family Partnership, The Minneapolis Foundation, Dougherty Family College, Close Gaps by Five, and MNComeback. Margie brings organizational and leadership skills to the board and is focused on strengthening organizations and finding solutions to increase effectiveness.





## Renée Uzong SECRETARY

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Renee I. Uzong, J.D. joined the board in June 2016, and has been involved with the school since May 2015. She is currently a Global End to End Process Optimization Leader with 3M. Previously, she worked at Robert Half Legal where she spent three years as a direct hire recruiter in the Minneapolis-St. Paul market. Prior to Robert Half Legal, she practiced as a family law attorney. Renee was born and raised in the Twin Cities and lived and studied in Spain. She earned her B.A. from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities and a J.D. from Hamline University School of Law. She enjoys volunteering and spending time with her family. She currently resides in Minneapolis.

# David Milton

TREASURER

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David Milton is the Chief Financial Officer of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. Prior to joining our team, David Milton served as the Chief Financial Officer for Inver Hills Community and Dakota County Technical Colleges.

David holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Accounting from DePaul University and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He is passionate about personal transformation, resilience, and community building.

A devoted husband and father of three and grandfather of five - David enjoys family time, reading, cycling through the metro bike trails, and playing at the game of golf.





## Rita Gordon PARENT REP

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Rita Gordon is a native of Kenya who came to the U.S. to further her post-secondary education. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Dental Hygiene, founded and presided over the Global Perspectives in Dentistry student club, and was recognized by the dean for organizing an event celebrating different cultures present at the school.

Currently, Rita is a tenured teacher at Northeast Metro 916 school district and was a tenured faculty member at Century College for seven years. She has lectured at the University of Minnesota and with the Health Force Minnesota, educating middle and high school students on career choices in the dental profession and preventative oral health education. As a public speaker, Rita has spoken on acculturation (cultural diversity) at healthcare conferences and continuing education courses. Rita is actively involved in the Kenyan community in Minnesota, serving as the secretary of the Kenyan Women in Minnesota body.

Previous board work includes The Best Academy in the Harvest Network of Schools (six years) and Elizabeth Hall elementary (three years).

Rita and her husband have three children, a college freshman, a high school junior and a kindergartener at KIPP Legacy.

# Patricia Hampton

TEACHER REP

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Employed with KIPP MN since 2019; current Kindergarten teacher. I have been in the field of education for a little over twenty years; serving as either a volunteer or as a paid employee. My B.S. degree in education was earned from St. Catherine's University and my K-12 reading specialist license was earned from Hamline University. I enjoy teaching/learning A LOT! As an educator, I've had the honor to serve as a mentor teacher to several undergrad students. When I'm not teaching or learning, I look for opportunities to volunteer in my neighborhood or neighborhoods close by. My family and I have been residents of North and South Minneapolis for a number of years.





## Kojo Amoo-Gottfried COMMUNITY REP

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Kojo Amoo-Gottfried is the VP and Commercial Leader in Cargill's Agriculture Supply Chain North America Business. Kojo has over 20 years of diverse, global experience in North America, Europe, and Africa in various commercial, merchandising, asset management, sales, and management roles. In 2010, Kojo relocated to Ghana to become the Managing Director of Cargill's cocoa operations and Country Manager - Ghana. In 2013, Kojo relocated to the Netherlands, as the Commercial Director for Cargill's cocoa business. Kojo is currently responsible for managing Cargill's canola and sunflower and specialty assets, risk portfolio and customer interface in North America.

Kojo is originally from Accra, Ghana, and has a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Georgia, and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Luther College. Kojo serves on the Boards of Partners in Food Solutions, Books for Africa and KIPP MN.



## Trent Bowman COMMUNITY REP

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Trent Bowman is the VP-Community Impact Manager at Bremer Bank. He acts as a liaison to build relationships and insure financial education and product available to all. Trent develops community outreach and engagement programs across communities and markets. He support the development of and implement a community playbook to engage the community in a meaningful way, and own the planning , execution, and reporting of events. Trent leads and coordinates a wide range of financial health initiatives in the community. He is a valuable asset to many community boards and non-profit committees. Trent is a native of Minneapolis and a graduate of Minneapolis Community College.





## Aquila Collins COMMUNITY REP

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Aquila Collins is a mother, wife, and leader. She has been in the corporate sector since high school. Currently, she is a Workers Compensation Manager for Amazon Warehouse sites. In December 2019, Aquila decided to invest into herself and obtained a master's degree in Strategic Leadership. Being a woman of color does add to the normal obstacles of just being a woman. Her core belief in any organization and within schools is that representation matters. Everyone should be included and having representation in both the student body and on staff is not only needed, but it is a value add towards success. She has lived in North Minneapolis, since the birth of her eldest daughter who is now in college. She is also an advocate for higher education and believes everyone should invest into themselves and know their personal value.

# Prince Jibunor

COMMUNITY REP

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Prince Jibunor is a senior director supporting North America agriculture for Cargill Risk Management, which provides risk management solutions to help customers mitigate risk and volatility, reduce costs and diversify their portfolios to navigate uncertainty. Prince was born in Minneapolis, MN. He spent most of his grade school years in Minneapolis Public schools. He moved to Ohio when he was 12 years old and returned to the Twin Cities in 2014. Prince has a personal interest in improving the quality of education in communities made up of underrepresented minorities. He wants to leverage his financial expertise and business acumen to influence the system from a financial and risk management perspective. He believes having strong fiscal health is essential to quality education.





## Paul Muldoon COMMUNITY REP

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Paul Muldoon joined the Board in October 2018. He is an active supporter of KIPP and serves on the Facilities Committee. Paul is Vice President of Commercial Real Estate at Bremer Bank. He has over 30 years experience in commercial real estate finance, development, leasing and consulting. He has a BS and MS from the University of Wisconsin Real Estate Program. He and his wife have two children and live in the western suburbs. His family enjoys sports, travel and the arts and are active community volunteers.

# Kristine Straumann

COMMUNITY REP

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Kristine Straumann is a Senior Manager at Ernst & Young in Minneapolis, MN. She is a first generation college graduate, having received her B.A. in Economics from Gustavus Adolphus College and her Masters of International Affairs - Economics from Texas A&M University. Over the past year, Kristine has become involved with KIPP in fundraising efforts and as a member of the Development Committee. Kristine is passionate about music and enjoys playing the piano and singing in her church choir. She and her husband, Adam, live in northeast Minneapolis with their dog, Rosie.





# BOARD ELECTION

Wednesday, May 31 | 4:30-6:00

- The election will start promptly at 4:30pm
- All KIPP MN staff and family members are encouraged to join
- There are 3 community representative candidates and 1 teacher representative candidate

## 2022 KIPP MN Board of Directors Election Form

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### Community Representative

Community representative candidates are running for 3-year terms.

Please select up to four (4) candidates for community representative:

- Aquila Collins
- Nicole Danielsen
- John Slifer
- Margie Soran

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### Parent Representative

Parent representative candidates are running for 2-year terms.

Please select one (1) candidate for parent representative:

- Rita Gordon

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**SAMPLE BALLOT**

Click on the link below to join us for our  
**VIRTUAL BOARD ELECTIONS**  
on May 31 starting promptly at 4:30pm.

[Meeting Link](#)