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VIA EMAIL to [Eve.Slattery@mass.gov](mailto:Eve.Slattery@mass.gov)

Ms. Eve Slattery, Esq., Chief and General Counsel  
State Ethics Commission  
Legal Division, Room 619  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

**Re: Disclosure of Rhonda “Nikki” Barnes Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, §6(a) and  
Written Determination Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, §6**

Dear Ms. Slattery:

We are counsel to KIPP Academy Lynn Public Charter School and KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School. Attached please find a §6 Disclosure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, §6(a) and a Written Determination pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, §6, for filing with the State Ethics Commission.

I would appreciate it if you would send me a date-stamped copy of the attachment via email.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please feel free to contact me or Eric Reustle at 617-482-7211 if you require additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca L. Tynning*

Rebecca L. Tynning  
Senior Paralegal

Attachments

cc: Eric B. Reustle, Esq. (*via e-mail*)  
Elka T. Sachs, Esq. (*via same*)

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**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST  
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

<b>STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>	
Name:	Rhonda "Nikki" Barnes
Title or Position:	Executive Director
State Agency:	KIPP Academy Lynn Public Charter School and KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School (together, "KIPP")
Agency Address:	90 High Rock Street Lynn, MA 01902
Office Phone:	781-598-1609
Office E-mail:	rbarnes@kipppma.org
	My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
<b>PARTICULAR MATTER</b>	
Particular matter  E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	Please describe the particular matter.  KIPP has entered into a Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") with Union Capital Boston, Inc. ("UCB"), a nonprofit organization of which I serve as a director. The relationship between KIPP and UCB pre-dates my appointment as KIPP's Executive Director. It is likely, however, that matters related to UCB and the PSA will fall within my official responsibilities in the future.
Your required participation in the particular matter:  E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	Please describe the task you are required to perform with respect to the particular matter.  Along with certain other KIPP employees, I have responsibility for approving and signing contracts on behalf of KIPP and for overseeing the services KIPP receives from vendors with whom it has contracts.
<b>FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER</b>	
<b>Write an X by all that apply.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.

Financial interest in the matter	Please explain the financial interest and include a dollar amount if you know it.  Pursuant to the current PSA, KIPP pays to UCB a fee in the amount of \$20,000 annually.  <i>Rhonda "Nikki" Barnes</i>
Employee signature:	
Date:	8/7/2021   5:38 AM PDT

### DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL

APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION	
Name of Appointing Authority:	Board of Trustees, KIPP Academy Lynn Public Charter School and KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School
Title or Position:	Chair, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the KIPP Academy Lynn Public Charter School and KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School
Agency/Department:	KIPP Academy Lynn Public Charter School and KIPP Academy Boston Public Charter School
Agency Address:	90 High Rock Street Lynn, MA 01902
Office Phone:	617-598-1609
Office E-mail	klobel@kipppma.org
DETERMINATION	
Determination by appointing authority:  <b>Write an X by your selection.</b>	As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 6, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee.  <input type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or <input type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.
Appointing Authority signature:	<i>Amanda Seider</i>
Date:	8/9/2021   9:57 AM EDT
Comment:	.

Attach additional pages if necessary.

File copy with:

**State Ethics Commission, One Ashburton Place, Room 619, Boston, MA 02108**

**Form Revised February, 2012**

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