

# KINDER FOUNDATION

## **Kinder Foundation names Patra Brannon-Isaac as Director of Education**

HOUSTON – January 15, 2020 – The [Kinder Foundation](#) today announced that Patra Brannon-Isaac will join the foundation as Director of Education on February 10.

According to Kinder Foundation President and CEO Nancy Kinder, “Investing in education is a cornerstone of our foundation’s giving. As we expand our efforts to nurture Houston’s great thinkers of tomorrow, we want to do so under the guidance of one of education’s sharpest leaders today. Patra has made a tremendous impact in Houston’s education landscape, and we are fortunate to have her join our team.”

Prior to joining the foundation, Brannon-Isaac served as Regional Director for Leadership ISD in Houston, a nonprofit focused on building civic capacity in public education by training diverse citizens to shape policy, lead strategic advocacy efforts, and champion change towards more equitable student outcomes. In that role she was responsible for leading regional strategy, programming and partnerships that prepare community advocates, school board candidates and sitting trustees to better serve Harris County’s 24 school districts serving over one million students. Before Leadership ISD, Brannon-Isaac served as General Manager Talent Acquisition for Houston Independent School District (HISD) where she was responsible for centralized recruitment, selection, and onboarding functions for the nation’s 7th largest district. Prior to her roles in education, she spent a decade in the private sector in progressive internal audit and human capital advisory roles for Wells Fargo, BMC Software and ExxonMobil.

A native Houstonian, Brannon-Isaac holds a B.S. degree in finance from Iowa State University and an MBA from Rice University’s Jones Business School. She volunteers with youth organizations including EMERGE and RARE Pearls, and has served on the boards of the Houston chapter of the National Black MBA Association, Rice University’s Jones Alumni Association and the Foundation Board for the Greater Houston Black Chamber.

### About the Kinder Foundation

The Kinder Foundation, a family foundation established in 1997 by Rich and Nancy Kinder of Houston, Texas, provides transformational grants that impact urban green space, education, and quality of life. More at [kinderfoundation.org](#).

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