KPR INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
Arasur, Coimbatore

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Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Governing Body

Reference	KPRIET/GB/10/2026-27
Date and day	Saturday, 19 September 2026
Time	9.20 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.
Venue	The Legend, Imperial Hall
Mode	In person

Members of the Governing Body

S. No.	Name	Designation	Role in the Governing Body
1	**Dr. K. P. Ramasamy**	Chairman, KPR Charities	Chairman
2	**Shri. K. P. D. Sigamani**	Managing Director, KPR Charities	Member (Management)
3	**Shri. P. Nataraj**	Managing Director, KPR Charities	Member (Management)
4	**Shri. C. R. Anandakrishnan**	Executive Director, KPR Group	Member (Management)
5	**Shri. E. K. Sakthivel**	Executive Director, KPR Group	Member (Management)
6	**Ms. Gayathri Anandakrishnan**	Secretary, KPR Institutions	Secretary
7	**Dr. K. Parthiban**	Special Officer, Committee to Regulate and Monitor Admission and Fee Fixation, DoTE	State Government Nominee
8	**Dr. K. Latha**	Professor, EEE, CEG Campus, Anna University	University Nominee
9	**Dr. K. P. Karunakaran**	HAL R&D Chair Professor, Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay	Educationist (nominated by the Trust)
10	**Dr. C. S. Rajamanickam**	Head, Thermal Management, TATA AutoComp Systems Ltd.	Industry Expert (nominated by the Trust)
11	**Dr. D. Venugopal**	Head, IQAC	Senior Faculty Member
12	**Dr. K. Mohana Sundaram**	Head, Compliance	Senior Faculty Member
13	**Dr. M. Akila**	Principal, KPRIET	Member Secretary

Special invitees: Dr. M. Kathirvelu, Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering; Dr. Kanagaraj, Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security); and other senior functionaries who assisted with the presentations.

The Member Secretary confirmed that the requisite quorum was present. The meeting was called to order.

Proceedings and item-wise record

1. Welcome and opening remarks

The Principal, Dr. M. Akila, welcomed the Chairman and the members to the tenth meeting of the Governing Body. She stated that the Institution is at a transformative stage of development. She then outlined the presentation placed before the members.

The Governing Body noted the opening remarks of the Principal.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the ninth meeting

The minutes of the ninth meeting of the Governing Body held on 30th January, 2026 were circulated to the members.

The Governing Body confirmed the minutes of the ninth meeting as circulated.

3. Action taken report on the ninth meeting

The Principal briefed the members on the progress made on the action points of the previous meeting.

The Governing Body noted the action taken report with satisfaction.

4. Communications from statutory and regulatory bodies

The Principal briefed the members on the communications received from AICTE, UGC, Anna University and the Directorate of Technical Education. She confirmed that the Institution complies with the guidelines and directions of the statutory bodies. Action is being taken within the stipulated timelines.

The Governing Body noted the compliance status.

5. Major events since the previous meeting

- The 13th Graduation Day was held in March 2026. Prof. U. Kamachi Mudali, Vice Chancellor, HBNI, Mumbai, was the Chief Guest.
- The KPR Legacy Awards 2026 were conducted in June 2026. Dr. B. K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar, Chairman, Kumaraguru Institutions, was the Chief Guest.
- Pragati 26, the student induction programme, began on 26 August 2026. It ran for two weeks and covered more than 1,800 first-year students. It helped the new students settle into the academic environment of the Institution.
- Women@HR 2026, an exclusive conclave for women HR professionals, was conducted in September 2026.

The Governing Body noted the report on institutional events.

6. Appointment of the Principal

The members were informed that Dr. M. Akila, B.E., M.E., Ph.D., was appointed as the Principal of the Institution. She assumed charge with effect from 10 August 2026.

The Governing Body noted and recorded the appointment of Dr. M. Akila as Principal with effect from 10 August 2026.

7. Faculty Appointments & Relieving

The Principal presented the details of faculty appointments and relieving during the period under review. From January - July 2026, 144 staff members were appointed: 122 teaching and 22 non-teaching. Twenty faculty members were relieved. The Institution currently has 344 faculty members on roll. Eighty five faculty members are pursuing Ph.D. programmes. Eighty two faculty members hold Ph.D. guideship. The Revised Employee Handbook and HR Policy were presented to the members and noted.

The Governing Body noted the faculty position, admissions and student strength for AY 2026-27.

8. Intake and Admissions

The increase in intake in the existing programmes and the introduction of new programmes for the academic year 2026 – 2027 were presented by the Principal.

Increase in Intake (from AY 2026–2027)

B.E. – Computer Science and Engineering: Increase from 300 to 420
B.E. – Electronics and Communication Engineering: Increase from 240 to 360

New Programmes (from AY 2026–2027)

B.E. – Electronics Engineering (VLSI Design and Technology): Intake 60
M.E – Embedded Systems - 18

Deliberations: Dr. K. Latha, sought clarification regarding the sanctioned intake and admitted strength of the PG programme. The Principal clarified the approved intake and the current admission status. The Principal further reported that the total student strength (UG & PG) of the Institution is 6,831.

The members also discussed the admission cut-off. Dr. K. Latha suggested to present the Management quota students cutoff details to the members. Dr. K. P. Karunakaran sought information on the stipends provided to PG students. The Principal informed that 52 research scholars and 73 M.E./M.Tech. students currently receive stipends, as applicable.

The Governing Body Noted the report on Intake and Admissions

9. Research output and research development

The Principal presented the research output and research related activities for the period 2023 to 2026. The presentation covered publications in indexed journals, patents, conference papers and externally funded projects. She assured the members that focused efforts would be taken to improve research output during the current academic year.

Dr. M. Kathirvelu, Head, ECE, presented the research expenditure and the Management support provided for research infrastructure and equipment. The major allocations were:

- CFRD equipment and research materials: Rs. 36 lakh
- EC laboratories and equipment: Rs. 28 lakh
- Drones, robotics and automation: Rs. 10 lakh
- Mechatronics, robotics and automation: Rs. 6.26 lakh
- Mechanical WAAM, NDT and 3D printing: Rs. 2.42 lakh
- Physical research materials: Rs. 1.99 lakh

He further informed that 163 doctoral scholars are currently associated with the Institution. The Principal briefed the members on the research incentive scheme for faculty. The incentives are about Rs. 15,000 for Q1 publications, Rs. 12,000 for Q2, Rs. 10,000 for Q3, Q4 and Rs. 3,000 for eligible conferences and seminars. Faculty members are encouraged to convert innovative research ideas into competitive proposals for external funding.

Deliberations: Dr. K. Latha advised the Institution to maintain a proper balance between research and teaching responsibilities. She emphasised that teaching quality must be given equal importance. The Principal explained that faculty members can choose how they contribute across teaching, research and administration. The Faculty Performance Index gives equal weightage to all three areas.

The Governing Body noted the research report and advised the Institution to strengthen research output.

10. Industry-institution collaboration

The Principal informed the members that the Institution has about 110 active Memoranda of Understanding. Around 220 faculty members are engaged in various forms of industry interaction and collaboration.

Deliberations: Dr. C. S. Rajamanickam, Industry Expert, appreciated the Institution's efforts in building meaningful industry collaborations, particularly the engagements with Bharat and Tata projects. He emphasised converting these collaborations into tangible outcomes in consultancy, sponsored research, student projects, internships and industry oriented learning.

The Governing Body noted the report and advised the Institution to convert industry collaborations into measurable outcomes.

11. International academic exposure and collaboration

The Principal briefed the members on the Institution's international academic initiatives. Six faculty members undertook international academic visits during the previous academic year. Twelve students progressed towards higher education opportunities abroad. 18 international professors visited the campus and stayed for about two weeks each. They provided academic and technical training to students. Several faculty members also took part in international conferences and academic programmes. These efforts strengthen the Institution's global academic engagement.

The Governing Body noted the report on international academic exposure and collaboration.

12. Placements and career development

The Principal presented the placement achievements of the Institution, including the three-year placement trend. The highest salary is Rs. 51 lakh per annum. The median salary is Rs. 6.0 lakh per annum and the average salary is Rs. 5.5 lakh per annum.

Deliberations: The Chairman emphasised the importance of improving students' employability and earning potential. He stated that the Institution should continuously encourage students to secure higher paying employment. The institutional aspiration is to enable more students to achieve packages above Rs. 10 lakh per annum.

The Governing Body noted the placement report and advised the Institution to work towards higher salary outcomes for students.

13. Career Advancement and digital learning platforms

The Principal briefed the members on the initiatives of the Career Advancement Cell. GATE preparation under ASPIRE now starts from the first year itself. This gives students sufficient preparation time before the final year. About 70 per cent of the present third-year students have registered for the GATE 2027. These students receive about three hours of structured preparation per week. First-year students receive one hour per week, focused on general aptitude and foundational skills.

Dr. Kanagaraj explained the functioning of DON, the Institution's internal digital platform for online assessments. The platform is also used for test series and access to learning resources. The members were also informed of the faculty performance and incentive framework. It covers teaching-learning, research and administrative responsibilities.

Deliberations: Dr. C. S. Rajamanickam advised the Institution to encourage students to strengthen their fundamental concepts and core competencies for industry requirements. The Principal stated that the Institution regularly invites CEOs, senior HR professionals from leading industries, ISRO trainers and other domain experts to interact with and train students.

The Governing Body noted the initiatives of the Career Advancement Cell.

14. Ten new initiatives for teaching-learning enhancement

The Principal briefed the members on the ten new institutional initiatives: STRIDE, ASPIRE, IGNITE, KINDLE, SHINE, DON, CAP, MOVIE, OLIVE and CLAIRE. These initiatives strengthen the teaching-learning process through technology and Artificial Intelligence. They cover AI enabled teaching practices, digital learning resources, continuous assessment, academic monitoring and technology supported classroom practices.

The Principal informed that Programme Outcomes are integrated into the institutional academic portal. Faculty members update their lesson plans on an hour-wise basis. Dr. Kanagaraj explained the academic applications of the digital initiatives. Students can continue their learning through this institutional digital platform.

Deliberations: An expert member raised a concern about students' engagement with conventional textbooks. The Principal clarified that the digital learning initiatives serve as additional academic support. Students are also encouraged to use the library and refer to prescribed and supplementary textbooks.

The Governing Body noted the ten new initiatives and their implementation status.

15. Institutional events, outreach and social responsibility

The Principal briefed the members on the Institution's participation in academic, technical, social and outreach initiatives. As part of its social responsibility, the Institution facilitated the sponsorship of 550 computers to Government schools in the Coimbatore district. This contributes to digital learning infrastructure for school students.

The Governing Body noted and appreciated the outreach and social responsibility initiatives.

16. Strategic Plan - 2030

The Principal briefed the members on the Institution's Strategic Plan –2030.

The Governing Body noted the Strategic Plan –2030.

17. Investment by management and infrastructure

The Principal presented the Budget Expenditure for FY 2025–26 and the Institute Budget Estimates for FY 2026–27.

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18. Observations and suggestions of the members

The members expressed the following observations and suggestions for the continued development of the Institution:

Dr. K. Parthiban, State Government Nominee:

- Continuously strengthen institutional perception and visibility. Communicate the achievements of the Institution, including faculty achievements, awards, certifications, research accomplishments and industry engagements, through appropriate media platforms to higher learning institutions and industries.
- Prominently showcase the grants received and the patents developed by the Institution. This will enhance visibility in research, innovation and development.

Dr. K. P. Karunakaran, Educationist:

- Appreciated the Principal for providing students with laboratory access up to 9.00 p.m. and for developing state of the art laboratory facilities aligned with global technological requirements. Also appreciated the effective mentoring system across the campus.
- Proactively identify suitable opportunities and submit proposals for externally funded research and development projects.
- Strengthen start-up initiatives and transform them into meaningful, scalable and sustainable ventures.

Dr. C. S. Rajamanickam, Industry Expert:

- Encourage and motivate students to undertake innovative and unique projects with greater relevance to industry and societal needs.
- Continue and further strengthen the practice of giving students adequate academic flexibility and dedicated time for projects and internships.
- Further promote the effective and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence in teaching-learning processes.
- Strengthen start-up initiatives through dedicated financial support and structured institutional mechanisms. This will enable promising student innovations to progress towards viable business ventures.
- Facilitate greater interaction with industry leaders, CEOs and entrepreneurs. This will help identify opportunities for patents, technology transfer, commercialisation and potential business ventures.
- Make effective use of the Institution's X (formerly Twitter) platform and other digital media channels to systematically showcase the achievements, innovations, research outcomes and initiatives of the KPR Group.

Dr. K. Latha, University Nominee:

- Appreciated the Principal for providing a comprehensive overview of the academic and institutional practices of the Institution.
- Achievements of UG and PG students, particularly grants received, patents secured and other significant accomplishments, shall be included. The number of students benefited through projects, and the publications and patents arising from them, should also be presented.

The Governing Body resolved that the observations and suggestions of the members be acted upon by the Institution and that the action taken be reported at the next meeting.

Remarks of the Chairman

The Chairman, Dr. K. P. Ramasamy, expressed his appreciation for the academic, research, industry, placement and infrastructure initiatives of the Institution. He emphasised the importance of continuous improvement of the college in all areas of its functioning.

Towards the conclusion, the Chairman assured the members that the Institution would continue to progress and flourish in all spheres. He stated that it would achieve significant growth and development by this time next year.

The Governing Body noted the remarks of the Chairman and the suggestions of all the members.

Conclusion and vote of thanks

The date of the next meeting of the Governing Body will be communicated in due course. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Member Secretary to the Chair and the members.

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10th GOVERNING BODY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Venue: The Legend, Imperial Hall, KPRIET

Date: 19.09.2026

Time: 09.00 AM

Members Present:

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Signature
1	Dr. K. P. Ramasamy Chairman, KPR Charities	Chairman	
2	Shri. K. P. D. Sigamani Managing Director, KPR Charities	Member from Trust	
3	Shri. P. Nataraj Managing Director, KPR Charities	Member from Trust	
4	Shri. C. R. Anandakrishnan Executive Director, KPR Charities	Management Members	
5	Shri. E. K. Sakthivel Executive Director, KPR Charities	Management Members	
6	Ms. Gayathri Anandakrishnan	Secretary, KPRIET	
7	Dr. K. Parthiban Special Officer Committee to Regulate and Monitor, Admission and Fixation of Fee for Self-Financing Professional Colleges, DOTE, Chennai.	State Government Nominee	19/9/26

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8	Dr. K. Latha Professor Electrical and Electronics Engineering, CEG Campus, Anna University, Chennai.	University Nominee	19/9/26
9	Dr. K. P. Karunakaran HAL R&D Chair Professor Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay	Educationist Nominated by Trust	
10	Dr. C. S. Rajamanickam Head -Thermal Management TATA Autocomp Systems Ltd.-TTC, Chennai	Industry Expert Nominated by the Trust	19-Sep-26
11	Dr. D. Venugopal Head - IQAC	Senior Faculty	
12	Dr. K. Mohana Sundaram Head - Compliance	Senior Faculty	19/9/26
13	Dr. M. Akila Principal	Member Secretary	19/9/26