

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY
MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy was held in-person at 30450 Telegraph Rd, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

1. Call to order/2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Attorney Arthur Dudley, President of the Board. The roll call was conducted, and the following directors were present, constituting a quorum:

Arthur Dudley (President)
Deborah Easter (Vice President/Treasurer)
Audrey Bibbs (Secretary)
Thelma Cobb (Chief Administrative Officer)
Evangeline Burden

Also present were Homer McClarty, attorney for the Academy, Dr. Constance Price, Consultant, Jackie Haymes, MLKECA School leader, Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, Board Liaison and Ms. Tracey Ellis, Business Manager.

With a quorum established, Dudley presided as chair of the meeting. The minutes were recorded by Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, Board Liaison.

3. Approval of Agenda:

The Board of Directors reviewed the agenda. Attorney Dudley entertained a motion to approve the agenda with a change in the order of business. A motion was made by Easter; Cobbs supported the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Oath of Public Office

The Oath of Public Office was administered by Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, Notary Public, to Ms. Evangeline Burden who accepted another term of office as member of the Board of Directors of Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy.

5. Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the previous board meeting held June 25, 2025. Cobb moved to approve the minutes with support from Bibbs. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Report from the Chair

The Chair provided a report on contract negotiations. He reported that a contract has been prepared for Dr. Constance Price to provide consulting services to the Academy as it transitions under a new organizational structure with a new authorizer. Burden moved to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Constance Price beginning August 1, 2025. The motion was supported by Cobb. All were in favor with none opposed. Price left the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The Chair provided an update on the status of a Civil Rights Complaint brought by a former employee and noted that the complaint was being taken into mediation.

The Chair initiated discussion on the structure of the Academy's leadership. Bibbs moved that Ms. Haymes be appointed School Leader with all the responsibilities that go with that title and that a contract with her be approved effective August 1, 2025. The motion was supported by Cobb. All were in favor with none opposed.

6. Education Report

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the current enrollment (113) and the Summer School activities. She reported on the upcoming enrollment fairs to be held at the school.

7. Financial Report

Ms. Tracey Ellis presented the June financial report including a statement of revenues and expenditures along with the June balance sheet noting a strong cash position and strong fund balance. She also reported that the audit is scheduled with Wilkerson and Associate for the second week in October. A Letter of Engagement needs to be approved with the Maner and Costerian accounting firm for the MPSERS audit.

8. Old Business

There was no old business

9. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements

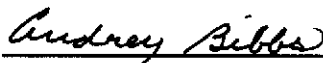
The Chair requested a motion to approve the financial statements as presented by Ellis. The motion was made by Cobb and supported by Easter. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Open Forum/Public Comment

There was no extended public comment.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Easter to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.


Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary