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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy was held in-person at 16827 Appoline, Detroit, MI on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

1. Call to order and 2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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 was absent from the meeting.

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

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 as presented. A motion was made by Cobb; Easter supported the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

5. Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the previous board meeting held July 30, 2025. Bibbs moved to approve the minutes with support from Easter. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Report from the Chair

The Chair provided a report on the status of the GSRP program which Wayne Resa has indicated needs to be operated by the Academy and requires a contract amendment with Saginaw Valley State University to include PreK in the charter contract.

The Chair also provided an update on the status of the State Budget.

He reported that the authorizer has asked for the Board to provide a report on the fair market value of the Lease. The Chair will contact a broker to obtain a report.

The Chair asked the Board Attorney to provide an update on the civil rights complaint.

The Board Attorney noted that the complaint had gone to mediation and the parties agreed to a settlement with no claim made on the insurance.

Education Report
Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the current enrollment (155) and the Summer School activities. She reported on the staffing and grade configurations.

Financial Report
Financial reports were not provided

7. Old Business
There was no old business

8. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements
It was moved by Easter and seconded by Cobb that the monthly financial reports be postponed until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Letter of Engagement with Maner Costerian (MSPERS audit)
It was moved by Cobb and seconded by Bibbs that the Letter of Engagement with Maner Costerian for the MPSERS audit for the 24/25 year be approved and signed by the Board President. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for GSRP Consideration with SVSU
It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Easter that the Board authorize President Dudley to reach out to Saginaw Valley State University for a contract amendment to include PreK in the Charter Contract and execute a contract amendment if received. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Announcement of Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

10. Open Forum/Public Comment

There was no extended public comment.

11. Adjournment
With no further business to address, it was moved by Cobb, seconded by Easter to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Audrey Bibbs

Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary