

**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, September 24, 2025.

1. Call to order and 2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 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 (Member, arrived at 6:17 pm)

Also present were Homer McClarty, attorney for the Academy, Dr. Constance Price, Consultant, Jackie Haymes, MLKECA School Leader, Dr. Raphael Price, Middle School Leader, Ms. Susan Chapman, Parent Liaison, Mr. John Folsum (SVSU), Ms. Tracey Ellis, Accountant, 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 Bibbs; 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 August 27, 2025. Easter moved to approve the minutes with support from Cobb. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Reports:

Report from the Chair

The Chair provided an update on the status of the GSRP program.

The Chair noted that the Board needs to remove Dr. Price as an authorized person and a signer on the Academy's accounts at Chase Bank and add both the President and the Treasurer as authorized persons and signers. It was moved by Cobb and seconded by Burden that the Board add the President (Dudley) and the Treasurer (Easter) as authorized persons and signers on all of the Academy's general fund accounts at Chase Bank. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Dr. Coggins will draft a resolution to reflect the foregoing action taken by the Board.

Education Report

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the Academy's current total student enrollment (161 students), NWEA testing, and the upcoming Count Day.

Financial Report

Ms. Tracey Ellis presented the July and August financial reports and noted that they are unaudited at this time. Dr. Coggins provided the Board with the August check register and cashflow.

7. Old Business

There was no old business required to be discussed. However, Director Easter, asked if there had been any improvements in building security for this School Year. Jackie Haymes briefly discussed the current safety protocols that were in effect regarding access to the school buildings. Ms. Chapman indicated that implementation of the current procedures was an improvement over last year.

8. New Business**Approval of Monthly Financial Statements**

It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Burden that the monthly financial reports be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

10. Open Forum/Public Comment

Mr. Folsom acknowledged the healthy status of the Board cash balances and fund Balance in light of the uncertainty with the state budget.

Ms. Chapman spoke about parent engagement and the safety of the school campus.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Easter, seconded by Cobb to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Arthur Dudley, Board President