

**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 48235 on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Attorney Dudley, President of the Board.

2. Roll Call

The roll call was conducted, and the following directors were present, constituting a quorum:

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

Also present were Homer McClarty, attorney for the Academy, Jackie Haymes (MLKECA School Leader), John Folsom (SVSU Representative), Dr. Constance Price (Board Consultant – left at 6:40 pm), Cassandra King (School Social Worker), Dr. Azra Ali (Blueprint Learning) 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. Dudley entertained a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Easter, seconded by Cobb to approve the agenda with the removal of the report from the Board Consultant. The motion was unanimously approved (5 Ayes –Dudley, Easter, Cobb, Bibbs and Burden). Agenda approved as amended.

4. Public Comment

Dr. Azra Ali introduced herself and informed the Board that her company Blueprint Learning would be submitting a proposal in response to the RFP. No other 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 March 25, 2026. Cobb moved to approve the minutes with support from Bibbs. All 5 members were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously. Prior meeting minutes approved.

7. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

8. Reports:

Report from the Chair

President Dudley provided a written report highlighting progress on payroll management, engagement of Darryl McDuffy as a consultant, RFP for management services, GSRP and negotiations on the lease.

Mr. McClarty updated the board on the release of the RFP for management services. Dr. Coggins indicated that she would send a communication to the Board to provide the list of services providers who

received the RFP.

Committee Reports

Easter shared a written report from the Finance Committee indicating that she has authorized access to the board banking account and has also received a debit card. She reported that she will participate in the Paychex training.

Bibbs had no report at this time but noted that MSTEP is in progress and PSAT has been completed.

Burden noted that Ms. Haymes will update the Board on GSRP progress.

Cobb noted no report at this time.

Education Report

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the following areas:

- Child Care Licensing
- GSRP
- Testing
- Copiers
- School Nurse Consulting Services
- Summer School and Re-enrollment
- Miscellaneous items including billboard advertising, and meetings with Mr. McDuffy.

Financial Report

Dr. Coggins provided an overview of the March financial reports indicating the cash on hand, revenues and expenditures. She also provided the check register for the month of March 2026 and a cash flow statement.

9. Old Business

Attorney McClarty had previously provided an update on the RFP.

No information was provided from Nerds Xpress.

10. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Burden to approve the March financial reports as presented. The vote was 5/0 (Ayes – Dudley, Easter, Burden, Cobb, and Bibbs) in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Coggins reported that she had completed the drafting process for the board policies with the National Charter Schools Institute and that the policies would be sent to the Board for their first reading.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

12. Open Forum/Public Comment

Mr. Folsom from Saginaw Valley State University thanked Ms. Haymes and her team for compiling the Transparency binder and noted no new concerns. He added that the facility review went well.

Ms. King addressed the Board noting the positive changes that she has observed at this school this year.
Dr. Ali thanked the Board.

13. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Burden, seconded by Easter to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

I certify that these minutes were approved [] as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on May 27, 2024 at which a quorum was present.

By:



Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary