# 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 Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Arthur Dudley, President of the Board.

## 2. Roll Call

The roll call was conducted, and the following directors attended as noted below. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Arthur Dudley (President) – Present
Deborah Easter (Vice President/Treasurer) – Present
Thelma Cobb (Chief Administrative Officer) – Absent, excused by advance notice
Audrey Bibbs (Secretary) – Present
Evangeline Burden (Member) – Absent, excused by advance notice

Also present were Homer McClarty (attorney for the Academy), Jackie Haymes (MLKECA School Leader), John Folsom (Saginaw Valley State University ("SVSU"), the Academy's authorizer), 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 Bibbs, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. Agenda approved as presented.

## 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 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 5, 2026. No other minutes were outstanding for approval. Bibbs moved to approve the minutes, with support from Easter. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. Minutes of the August 5, 2026 Special Meeting approved as presented.

## 6. Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the State of Michigan regarding approval of the Vended School Meals Contract Renewal.

## 7. Reports

### Report from the Chair

President Dudley provided a verbal report updating the Board on recent discussions with Lafayette Price regarding the current phone system. Dudley recommended that this issue be addressed between Jackie Haymes and Lafayette Price to reach consensus on the steps to be taken.

Dudley further recommended that an Evaluation Committee be formed, with Dudley serving as Chair of the Committee, to conduct quarterly performance evaluation meetings with the School Leader. The Committee will be composed of two members – Dudley and one additional Board member – with the second seat rotating so that each Board member has the opportunity to participate in the process. Because the Committee will consist of two members at all times, it will not constitute a quorum of the five-member Board and its meetings will not be held in open session. Any recommendation or action arising from the Committee's work will be presented to the full Board for consideration at a duly noticed open meeting.

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Bibbs to approve the recommendations made by the Board Chair as stated, namely (a) that the phone system issue be handled by Haymes in consultation with Lafayette Price, and (b) that the Evaluation Committee be established as described above with Dudley as Chair. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. Phone system issue assigned to Haymes. Evaluation Committee approved.

**Committee Reports**

Easter shared a written report from the Finance Committee with updates on the July bank statement and a duplicate check, GSRP account status, and an expansion of duties related to the accountant. The written report was received and filed with the minutes.

Bibbs provided a verbal report on curriculum updates.

**Education Report**

Ms. Haymes provided a written report, received and filed with the minutes, and updated the Board on the following areas:

- Fall Enrollment Projections
- Child Care Licensing/GSRP
- Summer Professional Development activities

**Financial Report**

Dr. Coggins provided an overview of the July 2026 financial reports, indicating cash on hand, revenues, and expenditures. She also provided the check register for the month of July 2026 and a cash flow statement. The written financial reports were received and filed with the minutes.

## 8. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

## 9. New Business

It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Easter to approve the July 2026 financial reports as presented. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. Financial reports approved.

It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Easter to approve the Vended School Meals Contract Renewal with Unique Foods. Meals are provided on a per-meal basis at the reimbursement rate approved by the Michigan Department of Education; accordingly, no aggregate contract amount is stated. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. Vended School Meals Contract Renewal approved.

It was moved by Easter with support from Bibbs to adopt the Professional Development Committee Resolution as presented, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. Professional Development Committee Resolution adopted.

## 10. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026.

## 11. Open Forum/Public Comment

No extended public comment was received.

**12. Adjournment**

With no further business to address, it was moved by Easter and seconded by Bibbs to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Dudley, Easter, Bibbs (3). Nays: none (0). Absent: Cobb, Burden (2). Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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I certify that these minutes were approved [✓] as read, [ ] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on September 14, 2021 at which a quorum was present.

By: Audrey Bibbs
**Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary**

Minutes recorded by: Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, Board Liaison