MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 5, 2026

A Special 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, August 5, 2026. Notice of this special meeting was posted in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Deborah Easter, Vice President of the Board.

2. Roll Call

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

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

The following board member participated remotely by telephone:

Arthur Dudley (President) participated by telephone until 6:30 p.m. Because Mr. Dudley was not physically present, under the Michigan Open Meetings Act he was not counted toward the quorum and was not eligible to vote; accordingly, he was not included in the quorum and did not vote on any matter before the Board.

Other attendees included Ms. Jamila Peterson (MLKECA), Dr. Lorilyn Coggins (Board Liaison), and Homer McClarty, who was present by phone (attorney for the Academy).

With a quorum established, Easter 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. Easter entertained a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Bibbs, seconded by Cobb to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (4 Ayes –Cobb, Bibbs, Easter and Burden). 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 board meeting (Annual Organizational Meeting) held July 21, 2026. Cobb moved to approve the minutes with support from Bibbs. All 4 members were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously (Ayes – Cobb, Bibbs, Easter, and Burden). Prior meeting minutes approved.

6. New Business

Painting Proposals
It was moved by Bibbs with support from Cobb that LRM as the vendor with the lowest responsive quote be approved to complete the painting of the middle school as described. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Ayes –Cobb, Bibbs, Easter, and Burden). Motion carried.

Heat Exchange Unit
It was moved by Bibbs with support from Cobb that Hawkes be approved to install a new heat exchange unit provided that it includes a programmable thermostat. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Ayes –Cobb, Bibbs, Easter, and Burden). Motion carried.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the school.

8. Extended Public Comment
No extended public comment was received.

9. Adjournment
With no further business to address, it was moved by Cobb, seconded by Burden to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm. The motion carried.

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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 August 18, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By:

Audrey Bibbs

Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary