

**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, February 25, 2026.

1. Call to order and 2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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)
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), Dr. Constance Price (Board Consultant) who left at 6:30 pm, Irac Chaney (Nerds Xpress), 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. A motion was made by Easter, seconded by Burden. The motion was unanimously approved (5 Ayes – Dudley, Easter, Bibbs, Cobb and Burden). Agenda 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 January 28, 2026. Cobb moved to approve the minutes with support from Bibbs. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously. Prior meeting minutes approved.

7. Correspondence

Notification from Saginaw Valley State University regarding the expiring terms of Dudley and Bibbs was received and reviewed. Dr. Coggins noted that Dudley and Bibbs were provided with the board member application form and the a Board Membership Resolution was on the agenda.

8. Reports:

Report from the Board Consultant

Dr. Price provided a report to the Board regarding the annual audit process and procedures with a recommendation that the accounting records continue to be maintained through the end of the audit in the administrative office located at the Center across the street due to security concerns. The Board took a tour of the accounting and operations offices located at the middle school to assess security and

found the security to be adequate, including door and file cabinet locks, and cameras. It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Easter to accept the Board Consultant report without approval of the recommendation made. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried. It was also moved by Bibbs and seconded by Easter to secure all school files and records that are located at the Center's administrative office and transfer them to the school accounting office located in the middle school building. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Report from the Chair

President Dudley provided several updates and recommendations, including the engagement of Daryl McDuffie as a consultant, the issuance of an RFP for management services, GSRP programming, and the communication the Landlord regarding the current Leases. It was moved by Burden and supported by Cobb that the Board accept the report from the Chair and approve the recommendations to include the engagement of McDuffie, the issuance of an RFP for management services, move forward with steps necessary to license a GSRP program at the Academy, and the authorization of Dudley and McClarty to resolve the Landlord's request. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Easter reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee to review financials and the process of amending the current year budget.

Education Report

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the following areas:

- Receipt of 3 quotes to provide security services at the school with a recommendation to move forward with Camouflage for \$16,456.60
- Black History Month
- After School Programming through and OST grant
- Social Emotional Learning with Community First

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Bibbs to accept the Education Report and approve the recommendation to contract for security services with Camouflage. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

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

9. Old Business

A representative from Nerds Xpress provided a detailed overview of the current set up for internet access on the campus, security camera set up, and main server access. He also discussed the two computer labs and the approximately 40 computers that cannot be updated, recommending disposal. He recommended the installation of contacts on the doors. He also reported that the current Chromebooks (250) used by students are aging and a replacement plan should be put in place.

10. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Cobb to approve the January financial reports as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Evaluation of Consultants

It was moved by Cobb and seconded by Bibbs that the Board conduct evaluations of all Board consultants within 90 days. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of 2026 Audit Letter of Engagement with Wilkerson

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Cobb that the Board approve the Letter of Engagement presented by Wilkerson & Associate for the 2026 annual audit. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Board Membership

It was moved by Easter with support from Cobb that the Board adopt the Board Membership Resolution nominating Dudley and Bibbs to fill their expiring terms. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

2025/2026 Amended Budget

It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Easter to adopt the 25/26 Amended Budget as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion (AYES – Easter, Bibbs, Cobb, Burden and Dudley). Motion carried.

Anti-Bullying Policy

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Cobb that the Board adopt the Anti-Bullying Policy as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

12. Open Forum/Public Comment

No public comment was received.

13. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Burden, seconded by Easter to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm.

I certify that these minutes were approved [] as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on March 25, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By:

Audrey Bibbs

Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary