

**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 30450 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

**1. Call to order and 2. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 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)  
Ms. Audrey Bibbs (Secretary)  
Evangeline Burden (Member)

The following board members were absent from the meeting:

Thelma Cobb (Chief Administrative Officer)

Also present were Homer McClarty, attorney for the Academy, Jackie Haymes, MLKECA School Leader, Dr. Constance Price, 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 Bibbs. The motion was unanimously approved (4 Ayes – Dudley, Easter, Bibbs 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 December 17, 2025. Burden moved to approve the minutes with support from Easter. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously. Prior meeting minutes approved.

**7. Correspondence**

Notification from the Michigan Department of Education regarding a 23/24 School Service Fund Excess Fund Balance was received and reviewed. Dr. Coggins noted that steps had been taken to submit the required Excess Fund Spend Down Plan.

**8. Reports:**

**Report from the Chair**

President Dudley provided several updates to include GSRP programming, relocation of the business office and related records, correspondence from the landlord, policy development from the National

Charter Schools Institute, the account with Paychex, and committee meetings.

Dr. Price indicated that she had received a letter from Wayne RESA indicating that GSRP funding would continue through June 30, 2026. President Dudley requested that the Board be provided a copy of the letter. It was also recommended that Attorney McClarty reach out to Saginaw Valley State University to discuss the GSRP funding that is currently received by the Academy on behalf of the Center. A Memorandum of Understanding could be prepared to codify the receipt and payment of GSRP funding.

It was moved by Easter, supported by Bibbs that President Dudley be authorized to meet with Dr. Price to resolve any concerns regarding the current lease agreement. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Burden with support from Bibbs that Dudley and Easter be assigned as authorized signers and contacts on the Paychex account. 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:

- Enrollment
- Snow Days
- NWEA Testing
- Black History Month Programming
- Latchkey

### **Financial Report**

Dr. Coggins provided an overview of the December financial reports indicating the cash on hand, revenues and expenditures.

## **9. Old Business**

It was moved by Easter, supported by Burden that the Board approve the Educational Program Description for submission to Saginaw Valley State University. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

## **10. New Business**

### **Approval of Monthly Financial Statements**

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

### **Approval of 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment Procedures**

It was moved by Burden and seconded by Easter that the Board approve the 26/27 Lottery and Enrollment Procedures as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion

carried.

**Approval of Policy Contract with National Charter Schools Institute**

It was moved by Easter and seconded by Burden that the Board approve the contract with the National Charter Schools Institute for the development of a comprehensive set of board policies and the semi-annual policy update service. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Technology Policy**

It was moved by Easter with support from Bibbs that the Board approve the Technology 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, February 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 8:18 pm.

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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 February 25, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By:

Audrey Bibbs  
Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary