MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EDUCATION CENTER ACADEMY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy was held in-person at 30450 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 6:08 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)

Other attendees included Ms. Jackie Haymes (MLKECA School Leader), Dr. Lorilyn Coggins (Board Liaison), and Homer McClarty (attorney for the Academy). Mr. Haymes was also present.

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 Cobb, seconded by Bibbs to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (5 Ayes –Dudley, Cobb, Bibbs, Easter and Burden). Agenda approved as amended.

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 June 24, 2026. Easter moved to approve the minutes with support from Bibbs. All 5 members were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously (Ayes – Dudley, Cobb, Bibbs, Easter, and Burden). Prior meeting minutes approved.

6. New Business

Annual Contract of School Leader
It was moved by Bibbs with support from Burden that section 4 of the contract for the School Leader be modified to state that the parties agree that the School Leader shall collaborate with the Educational Consultant on educational programming recommendations and implementation which shall at all times be in compliance with the Charter Contract and in the event of a disagreement between the School Leader and the Educational Consultant, the Board's curriculum committee shall have the final say. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Ayes – Dudley, Cobb, Bibbs, Easter, and Burden). Motion carried.

It was moved by Bibbs with support from Cobb that final negotiation for the School Leader's compensation package, which may include an annual bonus incentive, be assigned to the Finance Committee with a recommendation to be presented to the Board for final approval of the School Leader contract at the upcoming July 21, 2026, meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Ayes – Dudley, Cobb, Bibbs, Easter, and Burden). Motion carried.

7. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting, which is the annual organizational meeting, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the school.

8. Open Forum/Public Comment

No extended public comment was received.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Cobb, seconded by Easter to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 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 July 21, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By: Audrey Bibbs

Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary