

**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, March 25, 2026.

1. Call to order and 2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Deborah Easter, Vice President of the Board. 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) (arrived at 6:16 pm)

Board members that were absent included Arthur Dudley (President).

Also present were Homer McClarty, attorney for the Academy, Jackie Haymes (MLKECA School Leader), John Foster (SVSU Representative), a parent, and Dr. Lorilyn Coggins (Board Liaison).

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 Cobb, seconded by Bibbs. The motion was unanimously approved (3 Ayes – Easter, 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 February 25, 2026. Bibbs moved to approve the minutes with support from Cobb. All (3 members present) were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously. Prior meeting minutes approved.

7. Correspondence

Attorney McClarty noted an e-mail dated 3/23/2026 that had been received from a parent.

8. Reports:

Report from the Chair

President Dudley sent an email to the Board members immediately prior to the board meeting and reported on several items to include contact with Paychex, the engagement of Daryl McDuffy, status of the RFP, GSRP progress and action on the proposed amendment to the lease.

Committee Reports

Easter reported that the Finance Committee had not met. Cobb provided a draft Strategic Plan. Bibbs reported on curriculum and staffing. Burden reported on GSRP progress. It was noted that the Board needs to change the address of the school to match the academy location and not the Center's address.

Board Consultant Report

The Board Consultant was not present to provide a report.

Education Report

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the following areas:

- GSRP
- Testing
- Copiers
- School Nurse Consulting Services
- Accounting Office
- Re-enrollment
- Summer School

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 February 2026 and a cash flow statement.

9. Old Business

It was moved by Cobb and supported by Burden that Nerds Xpress be authorized to properly dispose of and destroy the outdated computer systems previously housed in the computer lab. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

10. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements

It was moved by Burden and seconded by Cobb to approve the February financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken as Bibbs expressed concern over the lack of backup documentation. The vote was 3/1 (Ayes – Easter, Burden, Cobb; Nay – Bibbs) in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

12. Open Forum/Public Comment

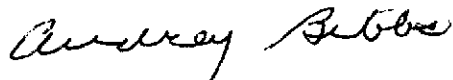
A parent addressed the Board regarding a concern.

13. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Bibbs, seconded by Cobb to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.

I certify that these minutes were approved [] as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on April 22, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By:



Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary