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, May 27, 2026.

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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) (arrived at 6:50 pm)
Thelma Cobb (Chief Administrative Officer)
Ms. Audrey Bibbs (Secretary)
Evangeline Burden (Member) (arrived at 6:05 pm)

Also present were Homer McClarty (attorney for the Academy), Jackie Haymes (MLKECA School Leader), Cassandra King (School Social Worker), Darryl McDuffy (Board Consultant), Ms. Shelby (School Secretary), and Dr. Lorilyn Coggins (Board Liaison). A parent 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 (4 Ayes –Dudley, Cobb, Bibbs and Burden). Agenda approved as amended.

5. Parent Request.
The parent was not present when this item was taken up.

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 April 22, 2026. Bibbs moved to approve the minutes with support from Cobb. All 4 members were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously (Ayes – Dudley, Cobb, Bibbs, and Burden). Prior meeting minutes approved.

7. Correspondence
Correspondence was received from the State of Michigan regarding a recent School Resource Management Review which was successfully closed. Additional correspondence was received from Saginaw Valley State University, which included a detailed review of recent financial reports.

8. Reports:

Report from the Board Consultant
Dr. Price was not present.

Report from the Chair
President Dudley provided a written report highlighting progress on payroll management and strategic planning, noting that five proposals were received in response to the recent RFP and two interviews were conducted. The Board needs to determine if it is going to move forward by engaging a management company or remain self-managed.

4. Parent Request
As the parent arrived at the meeting, the Reports were paused and the parent was invited to address the Board. The parent was advised that the Board could go into closed session for this information, but the parent chose to continue in open session. The parent reported that she had been falsely accused of threatening a student at the school and that as a result she had been banned from the campus. She wanted to be allowed to attend the Spring Extravaganza as her daughter was performing. Ms. Shelby, Ms. King and Ms. Haymes were able to provide background information to the Board regarding the specific incident that prompted the letter banning the parent from the campus through year-end. At 7:05 pm the Board left the meeting room to go to Ms. Haymes office to view a pertinent video recording. The parent was also allowed to view this video. The Board returned to the meeting room at 7:25 pm and the parent was advised that she would be allowed to attend the Spring Extravaganza.

8. Reports (continued)

Committee Reports
Easter shared a written report from the Finance Committee with updates on the Paychex payroll account. A motion was made by Easter, supported by Bibbs to authorize Michael McClarty limited access to the Chase bank account for the payment of bills to DTE. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Bibbs provided a written report on the evaluation of Dr. Price's performance as Board Consultant with the recommendation that the contract is not continued for the 26/27 school year. It was moved by Cobb and supported by Burden to adopt the recommendation of the committee. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Burden noted that Ms. Haymes will update the Board on GSRP progress.

Cobb reported that Ms. Haymes might reach out to Wayne RESA to facilitate a workshop on Strategic Planning using the SWOT method.

Education Report
Ms. Haymes provided a written report and updated the Board on the following areas:

- Child Care Licensing
- GSRP
- Testing
- Copiers
- Summer School Enrollment
- Math Shelf Grant
- Spring Extravaganza
- Staff Luncheon

It was moved by Burden that Chavon Tucker be hired as Director of the GSRP program and manager of the Summer Program and that the Finance Committee work with Ms. Haymes on the summer program budget as needed. The motion was supported by Cobb. The vote was unanimous (5/0) in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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

9. Old Business
Mr. McDuffy was asked to address the Board regarding his insight into the operation of the academy. He presented a vision of excellence for the future of Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center Academy and noted that he could continue to work with the Academy to ensure student success.

No information was provided from Nerds Xpress.

10. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements
It was moved by Easter and seconded by Bibbs to approve the April financial reports as presented. The vote was 5/0 (Ayes – Dudley, Easter, Burden, Cobb, and Bibbs) in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Cobb and seconded by Easter to adopt the board policies as drafted by the National Charter Schools Institute. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bibbs with support from Cobb to adopt the 2026/27 Board Meeting Schedule as amended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, and will include the annual budget hearing.

12. Open Forum/Public Comment

No extended public comment was received.

13. Adjournment
With no further business to address, it was moved by Burden, seconded by Cobb to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm.

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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 June 22, 2026 at which a quorum was present.

By: X Audrey Bibbs

Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary