

**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 on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

1. Call to order and 2. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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, Ms. Susan Chapman, Parent Liaison, Mr. John Foster (SVSU), Mr. Williams, Teacher, Mr. Larry Wilkerson, CPA (via Zoom), Dr. Constance Price (left at 6:30 pm), 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 as presented. A motion was made by Easter, seconded by Cobb. The motion was unanimously approved. 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 October 22, 2025. Cobb 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.

6. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

7. Presentations:

Mr. Wilkerson of Wilkerson & Associate was present via Zoom to present the 2025 annual audit. He reported that the audit was conducted with no difficulties and no findings, resulting in an Unqualified Opinion on the financial statements as prepared. He reported that the Single Audit, in which he reviews compliance and internal controls also received an Unqualified Opinion. He noted the healthy fund balance that the school has accumulated over the past few years.

8. Reports:

Report from the Chair

The Chair provided an update on proposed committee changes and provided the board members with a written report. He asked for a motion to approve the committee changes as presented. It was moved by Cobb and seconded by Burden that the committee changes be approved. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Committee structure changes were approved.

Attorney McClarty provided a legal update on changes to school policy and recommended that the Board consider using the update service from the National Charter Schools Institute. Attorney McClarty also informed the Board that they should review the Emergency Operations Plan.

Education Report

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the Academy's current total student enrollment (183 students), the credential status of current staff, Literacy Night, Scholastic Book Fair and upcoming professional development activities.

Financial Report

Financial reports prepared by Ms. Tracey Ellis were presented and Dr. Coggins provided the Board with the October check register and cashflow in addition to the November State Aid Report.

9. Old Business

There was no old business required to be discussed.

10. New Business

Approval of Monthly Financial Statements

It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Burden that the monthly financial reports be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2025 Audit

It was moved by Bibbs and seconded by Burden that the Board approve the 2025 Audit as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Bibbs, Burden, Cobb, Dudley, and Easter voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 2025 Audit approved.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025. It was noted that there was an error in the Board Schedule as posted and the fact that the date should be the 17th and not the 19th.

12. Open Forum/Public Comment

Easter reported that she attended a board training put on by AirWin.

13. Adjournment

With no further business to address, it was moved by Burden, seconded by Cobb to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

I certify that these minutes were approved [] as read, [] as corrected, by the Academy Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on Dec. 17, 2025 at which a quorum was present.

By:

Audrey Bibbs
Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary