

**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, October 22, 2025.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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)  
Evangeline Burden (Member, arrived at 6:02 pm)

Ms. Audrey Bibbs (Secretary) was absent (Excused) from the meeting.

Also present were Homer McClarty, attorney for the Academy, Jackie Haymes, MLKECA School Leader, Dr. Raphael Price, Middle School Leader, Ms. Susan Chapman, Parent Liaison, Mr. Ken Tesauro (SVSU), Ms. Tracey Ellis, Accountant, and Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, Board Liaison. Several teachers were present as was a parent.

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 Cobb; Easter supported the motion. The motion was unanimously 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 September 24, 2025. Cobb moved to approve the minutes with support from Easter. All were in favor with none opposed and the motion carried unanimously.

**6. Correspondence**

The Board received a copy of the Master Calendar of Reporting Requirements for the 25/26 school year from Saginaw Valley State University.

**7. Reports:**

**Report from the Chair**

The Chair provided an update on the status of the GSRP program. He also reported that the Contract with Dr. Constance Price includes board meeting attendance and her absence was noted. He updated the Board on the status of updating the bank accounts and the account with Paychex.

The Chair suggested that the Board re-establish several committees to include a Finance Committee chaired by Easter, a Curriculum Committee chaired by Bibbs, and a Governance Committee chaired by Cobb with Burden as a member. It was moved by Cobb and seconded by Easter that the Board establish the committees as recommended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### **Education Report**

Ms. Haymes updated the Board on the Academy's current total student enrollment (172 students), NWEA testing, a contract with Schoolhouse to include a part-time resource room teacher, and social work services at the school.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Tracey Ellis presented the September financial reports and noted that they are unaudited at this time. Dr. Coggins provided the Board with the September check register and cashflow. Ms. Ellis also updated the Board on the status of the annual audit.

### **7. Old Business**

There was no old business required to be discussed.

### **8. New Business**

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

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

#### **Approval of Amended 25/26 School Calendar**

It was moved by Burden and seconded by Cobb that the Board approved the amended 25/26 school calendar as presented with additional professional development days. The motion passed unanimously.

### **9. Announcement of Next Meeting**

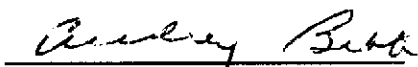
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

### **10. Open Forum/Public Comment**

Public comment was received from Dr. Raphael Price (Middle School Principal), Ms. Porche` Nelson (parent) and a number of teachers. The Board thanked the public for their comments and requested a follow-up report from Ms. Haymes.

### **11. Adjournment**

With no further business to address, it was moved by Easter, seconded by Cobb to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

  
Audrey Bibbs, Board Secretary