

**Minutes of the Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies**  
**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
**Greenwood-Leflore Public Library**

Tamala called the meeting to order at 9:05am

**Board members present:** Mrs. Emily Cupples, Mr. Steve Fortenberry, Mr. McKinley "Mack" Martin, Dr. Sonja Alexander

**Board members absent:** N/A

**Executive Director Present:** Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw

**Guests/Public Present:** None

The agenda was received and accepted by common consent. The minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting were approved – Motion: Steve; Seconded – Mack.

A reminder was shared for us to follow proper meeting order as a practice since we will have to ensure our board meetings comply with the MS Open Meetings Act.

**Board President's Report – Emily Cupples**

None. Comment to commit to periodic work sessions with ED Tamala.

**Executive Director's Report – Tamala Boyd Shaw**

- ✓ The Charter School Contract has been submitted to the MS Charter School Authorizer Board; we are awaiting their signature and final approval of it. Board President Emily will sign our copy in the following week.
- ✓ Organization's Attorney – Mack is looking into two attorneys put before him by ED Tamala to make a recommendation to the board at the next meeting.
- ✓ Facilities is the major focus right now. A tour has been planned to see all location possibilities with specific emphasis on First Baptist Church, which is the most ideal location at this point.
  - ***As an action item, we need to develop a facilities committee; Steve will spearhead the committee.***
- ✓ CSP Grant application is in progress and is due by October 31, 2019 3pm CST.
- ✓ We are in the process of applying for the Boulder Fund, a grant opportunity through ED Tamala's membership in the organization EdLoC (Education Leaders of Color)
- ✓ We are seeking other philanthropic support and ask board members to share any insights into additional funding opportunities
- ✓ Marketing of the school via social media is a slow go; however, our FB page is up and running with over 200 likes/followers.
  - Board President will work with ED Tamala to get both updated.
  - We are considering contracting with someone to help us ensure our social media is meeting our goals.
  - A Leflore Legacy Academy Launch Party is tentatively planned for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Old City Hall building here in Greenwood.
- ✓ Board Member Recommendations

- 48                   o Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Greenwood, Mrs. Cynthia Staniel, has  
49                   expressed interest in serving as a board member. ED Tamala will send the information  
50                   to her for her review and will in turn share her credentials with the board if she is  
51                   interested in being presented to the board for a vote  
52               ✓ Establishing Committees was tabled until the next meeting  
53               ✓ Good of the Order – Steve made a recommendation to put all org/school related files for board  
54                   members and meetings into a Dropbox or Google Drive. The team agreed on a Google Drive,  
55                   and ED Tamala will set that up prior to the next meeting.  
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57   The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm via conference call.  
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59   The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.  
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65   Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw, Executive Director  
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Minutes Reviewed and Approved by:



Emily Cupples, Board President