

1 **Minutes of the Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies ~ Leflore Legacy Academy**
2 **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**
3 **Conference Call**

4 Board Vice Chair McKinley Martin called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

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6 **Board members present:** Mr. Steve Fortenberry, Mr. McKinley "Mack" Martin, Dr. Sonja Alexander, Dr.
7 Tamala Boyd Shaw (Ex-Officio Member and Executive Director)

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9 **Board members absent:** Ms. Emily Cupples

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11 **Guests/Public Present:** None

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13 The agenda was received and accepted by with a motion by Steve and second by Sonja and unanimous
14 approval. The minutes from the December 10, 2019, meeting were approved – Motion: Steve;
15 Seconded – Sonja.

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17 **Board President's Report – NONE**

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

- 20 ✓ Organization's Attorney – Board members reviewed the engagement letter from selected
21 attorney Vallrie Dorsey and decided to go with Option 1 (hourly rate). The motion was made by
22 Sonja and seconded by Steve with unanimous approval. Tamala will follow up with selected
23 attorney Vallrie Dorsey to get letter of engagement signed and submitted.
- 24 ✓ Facilities – The lease was shared with board members for review and suggestions for edit. Many
25 thanks to Mack for drafting the lease over the holidays. It has been sent to First Baptist Church
26 for review.
- 27 ○ Architects were discussed: Emily Roush Elliott could possibly do the process;
28 Beard+Riser are interested and there is another architect firm that Steve shared who
29 could be possible, Johnson and McAdams. The turnaround time would be quick as the
30 building needs to be ready by June 1st.
- 31 ✓ Funding
- 32 ○ Board members reviewed the financial report that result in no questions or corrections
- 33 ○ Board members received and reviewed the reimbursement template to be used for
- 34 reimbursement of any travel or purchases made on behalf/for the school
- 35 ○ Tamala participated in a CSP grant training back in January with Dr. Vanda Brumfield
- 36 from the State Charter Authorizer Board
- 37 ○ No funding opportunities yet available from Hope Credit Union or Planters Bank
- 38 ✓ Marketing – We are constantly committed to participating in community events and gain
39 visibility
- 40 ○ Social media accounts are active; please make sure to follow them (and "like" them);
41 share with your network. Our goal is to get the number of likes/followers to 1,000.
- 42 ○ Our website is up and active; please visit and offer any feedback.
- 43 ○ We were present at local community events including the Chamber's Annual Meeting
44 and will be speaking to the Kiwanis Club on February 13th. We are looking to add to our
45 marketing through print options and radio commercials.
- 46 ✓ Board Member Recommendations
- 47 ○ No follow up from Cynthia Stanciel except for informal note about possibly not being
48 able to do it though wanting to.

- 49 ○ Board member Sonja discussed the recommendation of Professor/Author John
50 Almarode; the board agreed he seemed like a viable candidate but wanted to review his
51 resume before voting. Resume has not been secured just yet.
52 ○ Christopher Lewis from Planters Bank is a viable candidate as well as Dr. Jacquelyn
53 Brownlow. The board received their resumes and will vote during the next meeting.
54 ✓ Committee Updates
55 ○ Committees have been formed but have not yet begun to meet and should start to do
56 so soon.
57 ✓ Good of the Order/New Business
58 ○ Sonja and Mack made financial contributions and need follow up thank you letters for
59 tax purposes.
60 ○ Board members will assist with the staff interviews as much as possible.
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62 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at 2pm via conference call. The March
63 meeting will be in person Saturday, March 7th from 9am-1pm.
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65 The meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm.
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67 Minutes Recorded and Reported by:
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70 Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw, Executive Director
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Minutes Reviewed and Approved by:

Emily Cupples, Board President