



Memphis Merit Academy
AGENDA
05.18.23 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 5:30PM

Location: Memphis Merit Academy Charter School, 4775 American Way, Memphis, TN 38118

Topic: Memphis Merit Academy Monthly Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEMPHIS MERIT ACADEMY BOARD MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public to address the Board will be provided at the conclusion of the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time at the discretion of the Board. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters pertaining to Memphis Merit Academy. The Board may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period that are not listed on the agenda.

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:30PM
A. Record Attendance and Guests		B. McCline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Timorie Belk (present)Tressa Johnson (present)Lashawn Lester (present)Aurelia McBride (present)Talunja Prophet (present)Betty McCline, MMA DOO (present)Lakenna Booker, MMA HOS (present)Ben Crowe, Edtec (present)			
B. Call to Order		A. McBride	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting called to order at 5:58 PM.			
II. Public Comment			
A. Public Comment			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No public comment			
B. Welcome			
III. Agenda			
A. Approval of Agenda	VOTE	A. McBride	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lester motion to approveProphet 2ndAll in favor of approval of agenda. All in favor say aye; all members are in favor of approval of the board agenda .			
B. Approval of Minutes from prior Meetings	VOTE	A. McBride	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lester motion to approveBelk 2ndAll in favor of approval of prior minutes from the last board meeting. All in favor say aye; all member are in favor of approval of prior month board meeting minutes			
C. Presentation of Monthly Financials -Edtec			
a. Monthly Financials -May	DISCUSS	B. Crowe/L.Booker	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conservative with summer school boost grant allocations until enrollment is finalized\$53K ESSER III moved to 23-24 SY to support operating incomeMay need to draw on line of credit if needed to support finances due to no BEP in May 2023 and July 2023.End the 22-23 SY with 40 days cash on hand			
D. Acceptance of Monthly Financials	VOTE	A. McBride	

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Motion to approve: Lester

Second: Prophet

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

E. Approval of Contracts

VOTE

A. McBride

a. 2023-24 SY Budget

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

b. SchoolMint

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

c. DeansList

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

d. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

e. Wired! Technology Partners

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

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f. Strive School of Music (Summer School)

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

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- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

g. Developing Noblemen Academy (Summer School)

Discussion:

- **Tressa Johnson- rationale for payment for boys mentoring**
- **DNA is a summer partnership for the Summer Learning Camp. DNA has done some work with our boys at no cost to us to support with Boys Mentoring.**

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

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- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

h. Every Desk

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

i. Checkbox Pro

Motion to approve: Prophet

Second: Lester

- Timorie Belk (approved)
- Tressa Johnson (approved)
- Lashawn Lester (approved)
- Aurelia McBride (approved)
- Talunja Prophet (approved)

F. Committee Updates

DISCUSS

Committee Chairs

- **Development**
 - On the Run- virtual 5K on the 30th of September
 - Focus on corporate giving to support renovation of the new facility to include gym
- **Governance**
 - Official bylaws on the website but need to ensure that they are the most up-to-date; continuing to work on the bylaws
 - Need to interview Joseph to vet for board recruitment; one more candidate that we are vetting and will ask all questions during the interview process
 - Proxy voting is an option for the bylaws
 - Increasing spending approval for L. Booker to \$12K
 - Potential quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings

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- Finance
 - Reaching out to V. Ragland to see if she is still interested in being the Treasurer or if she would like to roll off; is there a need of amending the bylaws as it relates to attendance. Potential advisory board member for V. Ragland.

G. Other Business - MMA Real Estate, LLC

- a. [Current Tenant Lease](#)
- b. Lease Revision-[DRAFTS](#)
 - i. Village Mart
 - ii. African Braid Shop

H. [HOS Report](#)

DISCUSS

L. Booker/ B. McCline

- a. Enrollment Updates
 - i. [Summer School Boost Grant](#)- Updates
 - ii. [Summer Learning Camp Allocations](#)- MSCS gave \$54K allocation for summer school; 100% of funds have been allocated to summer salaries.
 - iii. LIT -**\$263K** to support your implementation and design work with Lit
 - iv. OYM Tutoring- **\$172K** to support 75% of your work with OYM to serve ~140 students
 - v. Board Ontrack - MMA board members will participate in onboarding for Board Ontrack during Board Retreat in August 2023.
- b. Academic Updates
 - i. 3rd Grade Retention
 - ii. TCAP Testing Updates
- c. Operational Updates
 - i. Facility Updates
 - 1. [Updated Construction Schedule](#)
- d. Successes & Area of Opportunity

I. Adjourn Meeting

A. McBride

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.