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# Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

## Minutes

### Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Board Of Trustees is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Board Of Trustees' Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 15, 2024 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Tue, until Dec 17, 2024, 3 occurrence(s)

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### **Trustees Present**

Alton Jones (remote), Darren James (remote), Dean Morneau (remote), Denise Pagan-Vega (remote), Diana Foskett (remote), Kiyota Garcia (remote), Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez (remote)

### **Trustees Absent**

James Lightfoot, Jennifer Wallace-Johnson, Kailey Boyd

### **Guests Present**

Brooke Williams (remote), Kendra Salvador (remote), Patrick Leary (remote), Sharon Blazejowski (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez called a meeting of the board of trustees of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Tuesday Oct 15, 2024 at 5:36 PM.

### **C. Meditation**

Teremar wanted to acknowledge the Mass Live article regarding attendance award.  
Denise gave a shout out to Kendra and the staff.

#### **D. Approve Minutes**

Alton Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting on 09-17-24.  
Denise Pagan-Vega seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **II. Finance**

#### **A. Audit Results Discussion**

Sharon reviewed the Board Communication Letter for this year's financial audit. No changes to existing policies. Did not encounter any difficulties while conducting the audit, and no findings.  
Brooke reviewed the draft financial statements. Auditor's report resulted in an unmodified clean opinion.

#### **B. APPROVE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Denise Pagan-Vega made a motion to Approve the audited financial statements.  
Darren James seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **C. Monthly Financials**

Discussed during auditor's report.

### **III. Executive Director's Report to the Board**

#### **A. Executive Director's Report to the Board**

Finished with benchmarking literacy screener, letters going home to any child's family if they were flagged for dyslexia. Attendance looks good at the moment, hoping to maintain throughout the winter months. 3 suspensions this month for physicality towards staff. Still have double digits on the waitlist for all grades. Transportation has been good so far this school year. First parent advisory council meeting was held. Hispanic Heritage luncheon for staff this week.  
Fully staffed, with exception of a per diem substitute teacher that we are currently looking for.

### **IV. Academic Excellence**

#### **A. Update**

Kiyota discussed nationwide trend of teacher shortage, and desire to get test scores up to the next level. MCAS scores are stagnant to last year, Kendra looking to make big push this year to improve results. Earned points for lowest quartile, but not as many overall.

## **V. Governance**

### **A. Update**

No updates

## **VI. Human Resources**

### **A. Update**

No updates.

## **VII. Strategic Planning**

### **A. Update**

Not in a place to add any seats. Focused on potential partnership with STCC for grant funding.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Pagan-Vega