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Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

Board of Trustees' Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting
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Trustees Present
Alton Jones (remote), Denise Pagan-Vega (remote), Diana Foskett (remote), Donna Carroll (remote), Kiyota Garcia, Nealon Jaynes-Lewis (remote), Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez (remote)

Trustees Absent
Bertha Wecher, Sherard Johnson

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Kiyota Garcia

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 21, 2025 at 5:34 PM.

C. Public Comment

No Public Comment

D. Approve Minutes from September 16, 2025

Nealon Jaynes-Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees' Meeting on 09-16-25.
Denise Pagan-Vega seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Auditor Presentation

A. Auditors Presentation of Draft Audit Findings

MP PC Group Auditors Present...

SHARON BLAZEJOWSKI (Director of Engagement)

- **Unique Thing About This Audit:** OMB issued DRAFT Financial Statements, and the auditors cannot legally change it from DRAFT status.
- Should be approved before 10/31 but cannot be issues until final compliance is issues by OMB.
- Charter School Office added this year: wanted all auditors to go back and look at grant reports, going back to FY2018 to make sure all reports have been filed. So, there is a finding of two reports that have not been filed, but they have since been filed and closed.
- One Other Finding: Charter School Office has their own Complaint Supplement refer to combined statements.

BROOKE WILLIAMS (Manager of Engagement)

- Unmodified clean opinion
- Reviewed combined financial statements
- Ending Net Position - increase of $357k over last year
- Page 13 - GASB 101 and 102 are explained
- No signficatn deficiencies or material
- Page 31 is the Summary of Auditors' Results
- Two findings are noted, with management responses on pages 32-33.
- No Audit findings in prior year.

SHARON - REQUIRE QUESTIONS:

- Is anyone aware of any party st. - NO.
- Any litigation against the school - NO.
- Is anyone aware of any fraud occurring at the school - NO.

B. Draft Audit Findings Approval for Final Report

Donna Carroll made a motion to Approve Draft Audit Findings for Final Report.
Denise Pagan-Vega seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Development Plan

A. Development Plan

Presentation by **OShane Thorpe**, new *Director of Development*:

- OShane reviewed plan for development efforts/campaign

- Promotional Video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ltihfgRP_TJusBYnG68JTlf_1HC3OWCM/view?usp=drive_link

Kiyota Garcia arrived at 6:11 AM.

IV. Executive Director's Report to the Board

A. Executive Director's Report to the Board

KENDRA Presented:

- Outperformed surrounding districts
- Saw substantial improvements

TEREMAR Questions/Comments:

- Issues with bus arrivals? Not always consistently on time. Students are not penalized when this happens.
- Attendance looks really good right now.
- No discipline reported - great to see.

V. Committee Updates

A. Academic Excellence

Diana Foskett - Did not meet this month due to family situation.

B. Finance Committee

DIANA FOSKETT:

- Moving forward, meeting will be at 9:30am, followed by Academic Excellence Committee meetings at 10:15am.

KENDRA SALVADOR:

- All set up with new bank, with ACH option for payments

C. HR Committee

TEREMAR:

- Met on 9/26, talked about plans for year and schedulign for next meetings.

D.

Governance Committee

TEREMAR:

- Met on 9/26.
- Talked about bringing on new people to the Board.
- Would like all Board Trustees to invite a guest to a future committee or Board meeting.

E. ED Evaluation Committee Report

Did not meet.

F. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Met very briefly and will meet again in January.

VI. Board Chair Updates

A. Charter Renewal Process

TEREMAR:

- Just went through the process. It was a LOT of work on everyone's part. Kudos to Kendra and everyone involved throughout the process.
- Friendly reminder: Really important that everyone attend meetings and are engaged during meetings. This helps during Charter Renewal Process.

VII. Other Business

A. Open Meeting Law Education and Training

NOT discussed/addressed during this meeting.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Nealon Jaynes-Lewis made a motion to Adjourn meeting.
Denise Pagan-Vega seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
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,
Donna Carroll

Documents used during the meeting

- 2025 Board Communication Letter - MLKCSE 10212025.pdf
- 2025 Martin Luther King Jr. CSE Financial Statements - Draft 10.16.25.pdf
- Executive Director’s Report to the Board October 2025.pdf
- MLK Balance Sheet September 2025.pdf
- Budget vs Actual September Summary.pdf