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Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

March Academic Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 12, 2026 at 10:15 AM

Location

[https://mlkcs-org.zoom.us/j/4132147806?](https://mlkcs-org.zoom.us/j/4132147806?pwd=RWI5VkEwNVVLTfF0JjUHM0NjhoUT09&omn=88429917764&jst=2)

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Committee Members Present

Diana Foskett (remote), Nealon Jayne-Lewis (remote)

Committee Members Absent

Bertha Wecher, Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez

Guests Present

Alena Mudry (remote), Emma Pullano (remote), Kendra Salvador (remote), rebecca sela (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Diana Foskett called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Thursday Mar 12, 2026 at 10:26 AM.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Data Update

- middle of year reading data: Administered in January - results very strong.
- students took Iready assessment, goal is for students to be at 50% but our students averaged at 77% for midyear growth.
- overall performance: 48% students are on grade level, which is significantly better than last year.
- DIBELS mid year test results showed that 59% of students are at or above benchmark in their foundational reading skills which is an increase from last year's numbers.
- Coaching & academic progress: We are finished with cycle #2 of formal and formative evaluations
- Our goal is to retain teaching teams for next year
- Every Friday, teachers participating in about 2 hours of PD focused on interactive learning structure and how to facilitate meaningful and effective student to student discussions

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approving Minutes

Nealon Jayne-Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from January Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 01-15-26.

Diana Foskett seconded the motion.

approved

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Minutes

Nealon Jayne-Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from December Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 12-11-25.

Diana Foskett seconded the motion.

approved

The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Closing Items

A. Committee Best Practices Discussion

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Foskett