



Miles Ahead Charter School

MACS Board Meeting

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Amended on May 16, 2024 at 8:48 PM EDT

Date and Time

Thursday May 16, 2024 at 8:00 PM EDT

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			8:00 PM
A. Record Attendance / Confirm Quorum			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order			1 m
C. Confirm amount of people who signed up in advance for Public Forum			2 m
D. Approve Meeting Agenda	Vote	Henry Lust	3 m
E. Approve Minutes from April 18, 2024	Approve Minutes	Henry Lust	
II. Treasurer's Report			
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CWUdIxzAbsHg2XS28Q_k7JLTIDGArg-VipD3kvyDN1k/edit#slide=id.g291336547e2_0_273			
III. Committee Updates			8:07 PM

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A. Committee Updates	Discuss		10 m
Committees:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic 2. Development 3. Finance 4. Governance 			
Committee updates from Committee/Taskforce Leads			
ALL Committees Please Be Prepared To Give an Update			
IV. MACS PTO (Parent Teacher's Organization) Update			8:17 PM
A. MACS PTO Update	FYI	Kelly Stevens-Bigby	10 m
V. Executive Director Updates			8:27 PM
A. Executive Director's Updates	Discuss	Kolt Bloxson	25 m
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qNiDmY7w6H3P8u46YyYY-n0Uw6Zm0-gmJoO9ooSC5pA/edit?usp=sharing_eip_m&ts=6646a83e			
VI. Items to Vote On			8:52 PM
A. RFP Response For Services - Bus Service / Smart Kids Transport, LLC	Vote	Henry Lust	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response To Board Questions At Last Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ijvcIMPZf77O1pyseiFW8GBtACdMdGN1sCzk9tANaTc/edit?usp=sharing • The proposed negotiated cost annually is \$110,000 and will be billed monthly at \$11,000 per month for 10 months. This is a flat, non-refundable fee. • Field trips are not included in the fiscal transportation contract. Field trips rates for our contracted schools are only \$900 per bus for local daily trips only. 			
B. RFP Response Revised - Cleaning Services / Maid Quick Cleaning, LLC	Vote	Kolt Bloxson	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Agreement: 			

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yShRE2W5eT4GENWevCwo1zQI2MPnB24OWJfZLv21AME/edit?usp=sharing • Original Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://docs.google.com/document/d/119iHMWwYRIf0TVQWdCum5Xr7uZMaPUwf/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111271138890830228698&rtpof=true&sd=true | | | |

C. Select Auditor From SCSC Approved Auditors List Vote Henry Lust 5 m

Over the past decade, authorizers and researchers throughout the nation have identified the issue of inconsistent financial reporting within the charter sector as a barrier to operational success. Difficulties can arise in a variety of areas, from improper accounting to hiring unqualified auditors. The SCSC staff and commissioners understand that identifying, selecting, and compensating the "right" auditor can be challenging for state charter schools operating as newly formed LEAs. As a result, the SCSC is continuing its Approved Auditor Program and has selected four highly qualified CPA firms to participate in the program for review of FY2024:

1. Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC;
2. Bambo Sonaike, CPA, LLC;
3. C. Douglas Erwin, Jr., CPA, Inc.; and
4. Marshall Jones, Certified Public Accountants.

These firms meet both state and national accounting standards required to conduct a charter school's annual financial audit for Fiscal Year 2024, 2023-2024 school year for any and/or all SCSC schools.

These firms have extensive charter school experience and will provide a level of service from which state charter school governing boards can benefit.

The SCSC will cover the cost of the state's required annual financial audit (FY24) for any state charter school choosing to use one of the SCSC approved auditors.

The SCSC will not cover:

- **Single Audits** – The SCSC will not cover the costs of single audits for qualifying schools for FY24. Any school that requires a single audit will need to contract separately with their selected auditor for its completion.
- **Unforeseen Costs** - Unforeseen costs incurred in relation to the performance of the regular audit or costs resulting from a period that are not within the scope of the SCSC's contract with the auditors will not be reimbursed by the SCSC under this contract.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Services - A school may negotiate additional services, such as financial statement preparation and fees, with an approved auditor, but the costs will be borne solely by the state charter school. 			

D. Hiring Approval for Director, Climate & Culture	Vote	Kolt Bloxson	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernest T Caldwell Jr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ETu9aS1ZGvfsD39B79RVlo5_CEY7-mWy_vBBgbWf08g/edit?usp=sharing 			

VII. Meeting Discussion Topics **9:12 PM**

A. FY25 Budget Hearing Schedule - Finance Committee	FYI	Dorian Laguerre II	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board has developed a public hearing schedule for the 2024-2025 academic year budget. • The Board Is Required To Attend The Public Budget Hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Public Budget Hearing #1 - May 16, 2024 ◦ Public Budget Hearing #2 - May 30, 2024 			

B. MACS 3-Year Strategic Plan ... The June 15th In Person Board Meeting Will Be an Extended Meeting to Allow Dedicated Time To Review/Update The Plan.	FYI	Henry Lust	2 m
<p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/18BV17NbEG4GEXm5q96-gjrzYbYVc-It1ALcpyr76L6Y/edit?usp=sharing</p>			

C. Board Chair Followups	FYI	Henry Lust	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY24 SCSC Governance Training 			

Part One: Completed! / 100% Participation

In-Person Session Information:

[April 17, 2024 – Atlanta, GA](#)

- Date/Time/Location: Wednesday, 4/17, registration & sign-in begins at 8 AM at the SCSC registration table. Training starts promptly at 9:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. Location: Loudermilk Conference Center, 40 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

April 17th Enrollments:

1. [Henry Lust](#)
2. [Ashlee Lee](#)
3. [Ed Miller](#)
4. [Usa Sayer](#)
5. [Tracy Reese](#)
6. [Jennifer Toussaint](#)
7. [Angel Turner](#)
8. [Erin Quackenbush](#)
9. [Celine Brown-Roberts](#)
10. [Charles Menifee](#)
11. [Dorian Laguerre](#)
12. [Justin Browning](#). - Cancelled

Part Two:

Part two will consist of numerous asynchronous virtual sessions that board members can choose from in order to complete their remaining 6 governance training hours. Board members will receive a link to these trainings directly from SCSC staff after the first in-person session and will have until **April 30, 2024** to access and complete their asynchronous sessions. After that date, board members will not be able to access the sessions and will need to seek alternative training for any unfulfilled training hours.

- We currently do not know officially from SCSC what our status is as a Board regarding the Asynchronous Virtual Sessions. There were issues with the system sending out completion certificates.
- From the SCSC: "Now that the SCSC in-person Governance Trainings have concluded for FY: 23-24 and after the SCSC virtual trainings conclude I will move into the phase of reviewing all state school board records. Currently, record review and certification process has not begun yet. At the conclusion of the review period, school leaders and board leaders will be notified of the attendance results of their entire board. If you have other questions regarding Governance Training, feel free to contact me."

Board Members Status

- Justin Browning (Academic Excellence Committee Chair) - Resigned as of March 31, 2024
- Ashlee Lee (Board Secretary/Academic Excellence Committee) - Rolls Off June 30, 2024
- Celine Browne-Roberts (Academic Excellence Committee) - Rolls Off June 30, 2024

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• Board Recruitment Status			
Board Candidates:			
1. Dr. Joel Hazard (H. Lust)... Setting up interviews (Target Committee - Academic Excellence)			
2. Jordan Troutman (A. Lee) - Interviews In Process (Target Committee - Academic Excellence)			
3. Latriecia Brown (A. Turner) - Interviews In Process (Target Committee - Development)			
4. Lamont Schumpert (E. Miller) - Interviews In Process (Target Committee - Finance)			
D. Gregg Stevens	FYI	Henry Lust	1 m
Gregg Stevens our Board Governance Consultant Has Been Added to The Meeting Notices For Each Committee and Board Meeting. He Will Observe, Ask Questions, Give Advise and Provide Follow-up Recommendations ... He May Even Give Out Some Homework.			
E. Executive Session	Discuss	Henry Lust	15 m
The board will transition to an Executive Session to authorize the settlement of matters in regarding personnel.			

VIII. Closing Items

9:40 PM

A. Public Forum - Opportunity for Submitted Questions from Public	FYI	Ashlee Lee	5 m
B. Announcements	FYI		1 m
C. Next Board Meeting: Saturday June 15, 2024, @ 9:00am, In person	FYI		5 m
D. The July Board Meeting Will Be Cancelled For Summer Vacation	FYI	Henry Lust	1 m
July 18th (Zoom Meeting)			
E. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		