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## Miles Ahead Charter School

### Minutes

#### MACS Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday October 23, 2025 at 7:30 PM

##### **Location**

##### **MACS Board zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 834 7212 9894

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##### **Directors Present**

A. Turner (remote), H. Lust (remote), J. Foster (remote), J. Hazard (remote), J. Troutman (remote), L. Brown (remote), L. Schumpert (remote), U. Sayers (remote)

##### **Directors Absent**

J. Toussaint, T. Marzette, T. Reese

##### **Guests Present**

Bambo Sonaike CPA, LLC (remote), M. Felts (remote)

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#### **I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance / Confirm Quorum**

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

H. Lust called a meeting of the board of directors of Miles Ahead Charter School to order on Thursday Oct 23, 2025 at 7:33 PM.

### **C. Confirm amount of people who signed up in advance for Public Forum**

No one from the public in the meeting.

### **D. Approve Meeting Agenda**

U. Sayers made a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

J. Foster seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

### **E. Approve Minutes from September 27, 2025**

A. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes from MACS Board Meeting in Person on 09-27-25.

J. Hazard seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

## **II. Treasurer's Report / Jasmine Foster**

### **A. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was shared by Jasmine Foster.

Link to the report shared:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b6H1\\_lcz2hCzEkDR6f04yzfCIMGebL6j/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b6H1_lcz2hCzEkDR6f04yzfCIMGebL6j/view)

## **III. Committee Updates**

### **A. Committee / Updates**

#### **Academic Excellence Committee**

Jordan Troutman presented the report. During the November meeting the Committee will be reviewing the Fall 2025 MAP data. The meeting is open, anyone who is interested in this top is welcome to join.

#### **Finance Committee**

Please refer to the report shared

#### **Governance Committee**

Uso Sayers presented the report. The committee reviewed three policies and some governing documents that require board vote to approve updates. Morgan Felts is leading our governance review to ensure we are in compliance with SCSC. The documents are all included on the agenda for today's meeting.

#### **Development Taskforce**

The Double Good Fundraiser is complete. The Goal was \$50K and we raised \$39,788K - MAC will keep 50% (\$19,894) plus there were some additional funds received outside of the Double Good fundraiser that got us over \$20K. The Taskforce will create a letter to highlight our wins and will include a call for giving on Giving Tuesday.

### **IV. MACS PTO (Parent Teacher's Organization) Update**

#### **A. MACS PTO Update**

PTO update provide by Angel Turner. There will be a Community Fall Festival 2pm to 6pm on Saturday October 25, 2025.

### **V. Executive Director Updates**

#### **A. Executive Director's Updates**

No update from the Executive Director this month.

### **VI. Items To Vote On**

#### **A. MACS 2025 Audit Report By Our Auditor, Bambo Sonaik, CPA / Followed By A Vote.**

Bambo Sonaik shared the MACS 2025 Audit Report, Audited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2025. There are two letters of opinion (one if for internal controls), both letters have a clean opinion. No findings, significant deficiencies, or non-compliance items. The prior year's finding is noted as resolved.

MACS 2025 Audit Report

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Zi6yt5c2FSqgAL7ED3nuaa2UqzcVqkS/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Zi6yt5c2FSqgAL7ED3nuaa2UqzcVqkS/view?usp=share_link)

Pages: 37 - 40 / Auditor's REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL"

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QgWJpsQmwV2o41BBLqBBpptFh6SLNKjT5OH9RZkJv-8/edit?usp=share\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QgWJpsQmwV2o41BBLqBBpptFh6SLNKjT5OH9RZkJv-8/edit?usp=share_link)

U. Sayers made a motion to approve the MACS 2025 Audit Report.

J. Troutman seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

**B. Prior 2026 Public Budget Hearings, Meeting Minutes Need To Be Updated.**

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**The minutes will be amended to reflect that:**

1. The FY26 budget was formally presented at both public budget hearings, Public Hearing #1, May 8, 2025 @ the Finance Committee Meeting and Public Hearing #2, June 28, 2025 @ the Board Meeting ... and
2. Public comment was offered during both hearings as well as prior to the final vote on June 28, 2025.

This update will bring the Finance Committee Minutes (May 8,2025) and the Board Meeting Minutes (June 28, 2025) into alignment with the events as they occurred and ensure the official record remains accurate and compliant.

[2025\\_05\\_08\\_finance\\_committee\\_monthly\\_meeting\\_public\\_budget\\_hearing\\_\\_1\\_minutes\(2\).pdf](#)

[2025\\_06\\_28\\_board\\_meeting\\_minutes\(3\).pdf](#)

U. Sayers made a motion to approve the updates to the minutes for the May 2025 Finance Committee Meeting and June 2025 Board meeting.

J. Hazard seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

**C. Employee Handbook & Leave Policies**

**Employee Handbook ([LINK](#))**

**Leaves & Absences Policy ([LINK](#))**

Updates:

Title IX (Appendix A)

Reflective of the full requirements.

FMLA

Noticed in Handbook, spelled out in Leaves & Absences Policy

Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse

Suicide Prevention Policy

L. Brown made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook and Leaves and Absences Policy.

J. Troutman seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. Financial Policies & Procedures**

##### **Financial Policies & Procedures Handbook ([LINK](#))**

Updates:

Cash Receipt Policy

Debit, Credit, and P-Card Usage

Emergency Purchases

U. Sayers made a motion to approve the updated Financial Policies & Procedures Handbook.

J. Hazard seconded the motion.

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

#### **E. Scholar & Family Handbook**

##### **Scholar Handbook ([LINK](#))**

Updates:

Code of Conduct

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) Notice & Policy

Parents' Bill of Rights

Protect Students First Act - Complaint Resolution Policy

*This is a newer policy and members should review for understanding.*

Title IX Notice

Student Reporting of Alleged Sexually Inappropriate Behavior Policy

*Aligned to the Employee Handbook*

U. Sayers made a motion to approve the Scholar & Family Handbook.

J. Hazard seconded the motion.

Latriecia Brown & Angel Turner will abstain as they did not have an opportunity to review the policy.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Toussaint Absent  
J. Foster Aye  
J. Troutman Aye  
L. Brown Abstain  
A. Turner Abstain  
J. Hazard Aye  
U. Sayers Aye  
T. Reese Absent  
L. Schumpert Aye  
H. Lust Aye  
T. Marzette Absent

**F. Infectious Disease Policy**

New Policy: Infectious Disease Policy ([LINK](#))

A. Turner made a motion to approve the Infectious Disease Policy.

J. Hazard seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

U. Sayers Aye  
A. Turner Aye  
J. Foster Aye  
J. Troutman Aye  
L. Brown Abstain  
J. Hazard Aye  
H. Lust Aye  
T. Marzette Absent  
T. Reese Absent  
L. Schumpert Aye  
J. Toussaint Absent

**G. School Health Nurse Program Policy**

New Policy: School Health Nurse Program Policy  
([LINK](#))

L. Schumpert made a motion to approve the School Health Nurse Program Policy.

J. Hazard seconded the motion.

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

**H.**

## Stakeholder Grievance Policy

New Policy: Stakeholder Grievance Policy

([LINK](#))

L. Schumpert made a motion to approve the Stakeholder Grievance Policy.

U. Sayers seconded the motion.

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

### Roll Call

A. Turner	Abstain
U. Sayers	Aye
T. Reese	Absent
J. Hazard	Aye
L. Schumpert	Aye
T. Marzette	Absent
J. Foster	Aye
L. Brown	Aye
H. Lust	Aye
J. Toussaint	Absent
J. Troutman	Aye

## VII. Review and Discussion Topics

### A. Board Chair Followups

Board Chair Followups

Board Meetings Schedule for 2025-2026 ...

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lyc4mJctCih6TmqmP-rBQldVQxukf-tY1oxjGUPdsg8/edit?usp=sharing>

**Governance Training For 2026 ...**

**State Charter School Governance Training Policy:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rlx5pvl2BM-dCTz02nT3Dp7TLKE\\_1D7-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rlx5pvl2BM-dCTz02nT3Dp7TLKE_1D7-/view?usp=sharing)

- **Morgan Felts Will Conduct the 6 Hour Governance Training For All Board Members.**
- New Board Members (1-2 years on the Board) will attend the February 11th Session (4 hours)
  - Loudermilk Conference Center
  - 40 Courtland St NE
  - Atlanta, GA, United States

- New Board Members will have to complete 2 hours of virtual training

1. New Board Members / February 11th (4 hrs.)
2. New Board Members / Virtual Training (2 hrs.)
3. ALLBoard Members / TBS With Morgan Felts (6 hrs.)

**Board On Track (BOT) ... Committees ...** if you have not met with Morgan Felts to ensure you have a firm grasp on BOT requirements, please do as ASAP!

## B. 2025-2026 MACS Board

### MACS 2025-2026 Board Structure:

- **Board Officers:**

- Board Chair: Henry L. Lust
- Board Vice-Chair: Tracy Reese
- Board Secretary: Uso Sayers
- Board Treasurer: Jennifer Toussaint Williams

- **Board Committees:**

- **Academic Excellence**

- Dr. Joel Hazard (6/30/2026)
- Jordan Troutman (6/30/2026)
- Taccara Marzette (6/30/2027)
- Candidates:
  - 1.

- **Finance**

- Jennifer Toussaint
- Lamont Schumpert (6/30/2026)
- Dr. Jasmine Foster (6/30/2027)
- Candidates:
  - 1.

- **Governance**

- Tracy Reese (6/30/2026)
- Uso Sayers (6/30/27)
- Henry L. Lust (6/30/27)
- Candidates:

- **Board Taskforce:**

- **Development**

- Angel Turner (6/30/2026)
- Latriecia Brown (6/30/2027)

**C. Executive Session**

No need for Executive Session

**D. The Board will Transition out of Executive Session and Vote on Items as Necessary.**

N/A

**E. Comments From Our Consultant: Morgan Felts / 21cobalt**

We are close to wrapping up our Monitoring. The following tasks are in progress:  
Academic - working to develop Academic Dashboard to display academic performance for students  
Governance - policy organization framework, budget hearing checklist  
Finance - will work with EdTec on Debt to Asset calculation  
Board - training in January

**VIII. Closing Items**

**A. Public Forum - Opportunity for Submitted Questions from Public**

No public comment

**B. Announcements**

Reminder: Fall Festival is 10/25/2025 2pm to 6pm

**C. Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2025 via Zoom.**

November meeting is moving to 3rd Thursday, November 20th

**D. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Turner