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Miles Ahead Charter School

Minutes

MACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday November 20, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Location

MACS Board zoom Meeting

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Directors Present

A. Turner (remote), H. Lust (remote), J. Foster (remote), J. Hazard (remote), J. Toussaint (remote), L. Brown (remote), L. Schumpert (remote), T. Marzette (remote), T. Reese (remote), U. Sayers (remote)

Directors Absent

J. Troutman

Guests Present

M. Felts (remote)

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 Nov 20, 2025 at 7:35 PM.

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

No members signed up for Public Forum

D. Approve Meeting Agenda

T. Reese made a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

J. Toussaint seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

E. Approve Minutes from October 23, 2025

J. Hazard made a motion to approve the minutes from MACS Board Meeting on 10-23-25.

L. Brown seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

II. Treasurer's Report / Jennifer Toussaint Williams / Toni Johnson @ EdTec

A. Share The Treasurer's Report

J. Toussaint & EdTecnshared the following reports.

Treasurer's Report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OPpBQqQvFpQ3zjHFa330Oem-BljzBuWy/view?usp=sharing>

October 2025 YTD::

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i5vNViXiH63Td2NMLt7qzH-acxe5KYR8/view?usp=sharing>

III. Committee Updates

A. Committee / Updates

Updates from Committee/Taskforce Leads

Committees:

- Academic
 - T. Marzette noted the committee met today and they are working with Morgan on Academic dashboard
- Finance
 - See Treasurer's report above.
- Governance
 - T. Reese noted they met on 1st Thursday. Working on a policy tracker for all policies - pdf and word versions. Once completed, it will be shared with the board
 - Next meeting will be in January

Taskforces:

- Development
 - L. Brown noted Giving Tuesday is fastly approaching. Taskforce is working on a solicitation letter to send out to donors.

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

A. MACS PTO Update

No update shared.

V. Executive Director Updates

A. Executive Director's Updates

- Kolt thanked the board for timeoff the month of October.
- We have a new MACS website! It is a HUGE upgrade and we are excited about it!
- **3 Month at a Glance Scope of Success ([HERE](#))**. The tracker for November through January has shifted based upon outcomes from October. KBP will discuss more but members should review the items list especially planning for: Giving Tuesday (December 2). Planning for Meeting with Morgan regarding Board member training geared towards MACS (target for January)
- By the End of November: **Academic Goal:** All standards based Benchmarking for K-5 will be completed. This data will be reviewed during December against MAP Growth data. By Dec. 17, we will have first semester standardized and growth data for review.
- **Fundraising Goal:** Our MACS community raised just over \$20,000 from Double Good! Woo hoo! We still have Giving Tuesday for corporate, Board, and other

donations. Be sure to push it out and be prepared for your Board contributions on this day.

- **Governance Goal:** We completed monitoring on time! Woo hoo! Now, we want to focus on policy, dashboard, or Board member development.

- December is our half way mark pit stop, and it is full of great ways to engage! We would love for Board Members to come see our Holiday Program December 12 (starting at 12:00pm) and see what our ExPedition Day teachers have organized. Also, join us for our Employee Holiday Dinner December 18 at The Oliver Tree in Hiram. So many great ways to celebrate how MACSnificent we are

- **Shout Outs!**

- Henry, Jennifer, Angel and everyone else who did a little (or a lot extra) while I was away! Thank you endlessly!
- LaTrecia who KILLED IT during our Double Good fundraiser! The funds keep on coming!

- **Real Men Read:** Our Academics Team is launching our monthly Real Men Read campaign to support the visibility of reading. We are looking to have at least 14 men join us monthly to ensure every classroom has a reader

VI. Items To Vote On

A. Amend MACS's Charter To Add An Additional Year To Account For The School's Initial Pre-Opening Deferral.

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MACS's governing board must formally vote to request to amend the school's charter contract to add the additional year. The school must then send those meeting minutes to the SCSC along with the formal request. From there staff will formulate a recommendation to take to the full SCSC board for a vote.

We must send the materials directly after the November 20th meeting, and the SCSC should be able to get MACS added to their December 10th agenda.

J. Toussaint made a motion to Amend MACS's Charter To Add An Additional Year To Account For The School's Initial Pre-Opening Deferral.

T. Reese seconded the motion.

No discussion

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

VII. Review and Discussion Topics

A. Board Chair Followups

Board Meetings Schedule for 2025-2026 ...

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lyc4mJctCih6TmqmP-rBQIdVQxukf-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

- **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. **ALL Board Members / Saturday January 17th, 9:30am-4:30pm (should be done by 3:30pm) / With Morgan Felts (6 hrs.) If you are unable to make this date, then you must enroll in the Atlanta Governance Class on February 12th when enrollment opens up.**

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 Taskforces:**

1. **Development**

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

1.

C. Executive Session

The board will transition to an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel.

J. Foster made a motion to go into executive session.

T. Reese seconded the motion.

8:37pm

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

J. Toussaint made a motion to exit executive session.

A. Turner seconded the motion.

8:57pm

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

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

No items to vote on from Executive Session

E.

Comments From Our Consultant: Morgan Felts / 21cobalt

- Board training on January 17th
- Working with Kolt and team on website compliance - final review will be done in January
- Working on policy infrastructure tracker for Governance Committee and Academic Dashboard for Academic Committee
- Debt to Asset Classification and Budget Approval Checklist being developed for Finance Committee

VIII. Closing Items

A. Public Forum - Opportunity for Submitted Questions from Public

Message from one of the families about Ms. Thomas, Kindergarten teacher. Parent texted to share appreciation for the drastic growth in daughter's reading since August.

B. Announcements

No discussion

C. Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2026 via Zoom.

No meeting in December

D. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Lust