Miles Ahead Charter School

Minutes

MACS Board Meeting & Budget Voting

Date and Time
Saturday June 27, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Location
Location - In Person @ MACS:
4665 Macland Road, Building 300 Powder Springs, GA 30127

Optional Access:
MACS Board zoom Meeting
(LINK)
Meeting ID: 942 7716 1320
Passcode: 644023

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Directors Present
A. Turner, H. Lust, J. Hazard, J. Toussaint, L. Brown, T. Reese, U. Sayers (remote)

Directors Absent
J. Foster, T. Marzette

Guests Present

Anita Booker, Gregg Stevens (remote), Henry Smith, Katherine White, LaKisha Cox, Lewis Cox, 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 Saturday Jun 27, 2026 at 9:34 AM.

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

No one signed up in advance for Public Forum

D. Approve Meeting Agenda

J. Toussaint made a motion to approve the meeting agenda.
T. Reese seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Approve Minutes from May 28, 2026

T. Reese made a motion to approve minutes of the May 28, 2026 board meeting.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Jennifer Toussaint, shared the May Treasurer's Report linked below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18zbadbv4Gvb7H8yZqRFdbldEahwj7tx7/view?ts=6a3e6148

III. Committee Updates

A. Committee Updates

Committee Updates

1. Academic -

1. No update; was awaiting results of the audit but that info was more financial and operational efficiency based so not useful for Academic committee; the committee will regroup and strategize for the new school year

2. Finance
   - The Treasurer's report was shared above
   - Kolt recommended the Finance Committee meeting be moved to the 3rd Monday of each Month at noon from 3rd Thursday of each month.
3. Governance
   - June meeting was Tracy's last meeting as Chair of the Committee.
   - Tracy expressed her gratitude for her time on the board. She is rolling off the board after six years.
   - **Policy review is completed. Total policies completed:** 97 policies reviewed, voted on, and approved throughout the year. Some updates requested by they board may not be made as they are policy language pulled directly from state/federal regulations. A policy database is being compiled by 21 Cobalt and transferred to Kolt.
4. Development Taskforce
   - Board contribution for 2026 - 2027 is $625
   - MACS Fundraising Goals 2026-2027 ... $60,000
   - Must Be A Complete Team Effort ... ALL HANDS ON DECk!
   - It was recommended adding communication frequently around donations to cultivate a culture of giving
   - Another recommendation was submitted to start a Capital Campaign

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

A. MACS PTO Update

No PTO attendees.

V. Executive Director Updates

A. Executive Director's Updates

Executive Director, Kolt Bloxson share an update:

- Year 3 is officially in the books ! Some data on how great we did:
  - MACS’s growth out performed all local Cobb County schools AND the State of Georgia! According to MAP, all of our classes MET their growth metrics, and over 90% of our classes met achievement metrics for ELA.
  - All of our BIG MACS employees are returning, and those metrics support our 84% employee retention percentage.
  - MACS MET on the SCSC’s Academic Performance Metrics.

- …and MACS has a FULL policy dashboard and tracker tool to guide the work of the Board for future years to come!

- **Miles Ahead Charter School's Governing Board Policy Tracker** (HERE)
  - This policy document is meant to establish a firm governance and policy foundation upon which MACS can develop its day to day procedures for effective practice and implementation. Over 8 months of review, collection, and development went into this and it feels GREAT knowing this is here to guide us.
  - As we move forward, we do have some discussions to finalize HOW we want to engage with this dashboard :
    - Which committee/seats should be monitoring and tracking for policy updates and renewals?
    - How do we want to make this publicly accessible?
    - How can this be used to guide the work of the board/employees?
- MAP & Milestones - growth and achievement continue to be a top priority for each scholar.
  - Math MAP: Overall achievement 61%; growth 58%
  - ELA MAP: Overall achievement 61%; growth 59%
  - Math Georgia Milestones
  - Note: This was the first assessment year for the new ELA standards, thus they have not yet released those scores. Here is the notice we received from GADOE related to those scores:
    - *New Georgia Milestones tests in English language arts aligned to the new Georgia K-12 ELA Standards will be administered for the first time in the 2025-2026 school year. Because these are new English language art tests aligned to new content standards, there is significant technical work, including the determination of achievement expectations (i.e., cut scores), that must be completed prior to releasing student scores. A waiver of Rule 160-4-2-.11 PROMOTION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION sections (3)(a), (3)(b), (3)(c) and Rule 160-4-2-.13 STATEWIDE PASSING SCORE sections (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f) for the content area of English language arts for the 2025-2026 school year (through July 31, 2026) was approved by the SBOE to allow sufficient time for this technical work to be completed.*

B. 21Cobalt Presentation

21Cobalt shared the results of the Operations & Financial Efficiency review. Key takeway was that MACS' fiscal and operational challenges are manageable and solvable without making significant changes to the educational model.

VI. Items To Vote On

A. New MACS Board Member - Dr. Henry Smith

T. Reese made a motion to approve Dr. Henry Smith to join the Miles Ahead Charter School as a board member.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. New MACS Board Member - Katherine White

T. Reese made a motion to approve Dr. Katherine White to join the Miles Ahead Charter School as a board member.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. New MACS Board Member - Lewis Cox

A. Turner made a motion to approve Lewis Cox to join the Miles Ahead Charter School as a board member.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. New MACS Board Member - Anita Booker

T. Reese made a motion to approve Anita Booker to join the Miles Ahead Charter School as a board member.
A. Turner seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. 2026-2027 MACS Board

MACS 2026-2027 Board Structure:

- **Board Officers:**
- Board Chair: Henry L. Lust
- Board Vice-Chair: **Vacant**
- Board Secretary: Uso Sayers
- Board Treasurer: Lewis Cox

- **Board Committees:**
  - **Academic Excellence**
    - Joel Hazard
    - Taccara Marzette

        - Katherine White
    - Finance
        - Lewis Cox
        - Jasmine Foster
        - Anita Booker
    - Governance
        - Uso Sayers
        - Henry L. Lust
        - Dr. Henry Smith
- Board Taskforce
    - Development
        - **Latriecia Brown**

A. Turner made a motion to approve 2026 - 2027 board committees & task force members.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Vertex/EdTec Renewals

Master Services Agreement
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k8xbjgOsCDoWHxySRXhEAP8DPhjyCjPO/view?usp=sharing
J. Toussaint made a motion to approve the Vertex/Ed Tec Master Services Agreement.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Vertex/EdTec Renewals

1. Finance & Accounting SOW
    1. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BFdLuFZoblPHH64hrAWcdNErFx9_SCGc/view?usp=sharing
    2. The term of this SoW shall be July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (3 yrs.)
    3. Note ... Payroll Services only extends July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.
    4. Annual Agreement Amount for Year 1 is $133,500. ▪ Annual Agreement Amounts for Years 2 and 3 will be adjusted upwards annually over the preceding year based on the greater of 3% or the change in the May annual CPI-U, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. These annual adjustments will be invoiced monthly beginning July 1st of each applicable year.

Recommendation: Continue with the current Vertex/EdTec contract through June 30, 2027 and Initiate the PEO implementation July 1, 2027. Review the new 3 yr Contract for initiation July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2030.
U. Sayers made a motion to decline the proposed EdTec/Vertex Finance & Accounting SOW for 3 years to provide Finance & Accounting services for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

H. Vertex/EdTec New Service

J. Toussaint made a motion to approve EdTec/Vertex SOW to provide consultation regarding the administering of National School Lunch program for $23,000.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
None
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Note - we will want to engage vendors starting October or November in order to give EdTec/Vertex six months notice **if** we decide that we won't be moving forward with them. If we do not give six months notice, there is a significant penalty.

I. MACS FY2027 Budget

FY2027 Budget:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HSVRzU7QAG8NWDnFTmPFpiXnuSIDNMG-/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111271138890830228698&rtpof=true&sd=true

FY27 Budget Updates/Revisons:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tGrX6QrXVfLbMIpS7zRbRcEKpQgC_eLt/view?usp=sharing
J. Toussaint made a motion to approve FY 2027 Budget.
A. Turner seconded the motion.
No discussion. Note - Uso Sayers had to leave early so she did not vote for this motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

J. MACS Calendar, Handbooks, Policy Tracker

1. MACS School Year Calendar:
   https://drive.google.com/file/d/14dl2G3F_Zfe0nfx5Fh7Z2HZlJPIkuPrq/view?usp=drive_link
2. Employee Handbook:
   https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QT5KIMqdOd64hinL03cLBePUhuYRzVfz/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=111271138890830228698&rtpof=true&sd=true

3. Scholar Handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QT5KIMqdOd64hinL03cLBePUhuYRzVfz/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111271138890830228698&rtpof=true&sd=true
4. Policy Tracker: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K_70RN1n6y95sf0m6a5zD8c6NGnUjMbb/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111271138890830228698&rtpof=true&sd=true

A. Turner made a motion to approve 2026-2027 school year calendar.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
No discussion. Note - Uso Sayers had to leave early so she did not vote for this motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Toussaint made a motion to approve the updated employee handbook.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
No discussion. Note - Uso Sayers had to leave early so she did not vote for this motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
L. Brown made a motion to approve the updated scholar handbook.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
No discussion. Note - Uso Sayers had to leave early so she did not vote for this motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Toussaint made a motion to approve the policy tracker - one place to track all policies.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
No discussion. Note - Uso Sayers had to leave early so she did not vote for this motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. Important Items To Discuss / Sign

A. Conflict of Interest document

All board members need to sign the Conflict of Interest form for the new school year for submission to SCSC.

VIII. Review and Discussion Topics

A. Board Chair Followups

Board Meetings Schedule for 2026-2027 ...
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lyc4mJctCih6TmqmP-rBQIdVQxukf-tY1oxjGUPdsg8/edit?usp=sharing

B. Executive Session

No executive session needed.

IX. Closing Items

A. Public Forum - Opportunity for Submitted Questions from Public

No questions submitted from the Public

B. Announcements

Welcome to our new board members.

C. Our Sincere Thanks For Your Dedicated Service To The Miles Ahead Board & Miles Ahead Scholars & Staff!

Appreciation of board members who are rolling off:

- Tracy Reese
- Angel Turner
- Jennifer Toussaint Williams

D. Next Board Meeting: Thursday August 27, 2026 @ 7:30pm via Zoom

E. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Lust