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Miles Ahead Charter School

Minutes

Miles Ahead Charter School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Location
(LINK)
Meeting ID: 942 7716 1320
Passcode: 644023

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

Directors Present
H. Lust (remote), H. Robinson (remote), H. Smith (remote), J. Foster (remote), J. Hazard (remote), K. White (remote), L. Brown (remote), L. Cox (remote), U. Sayers (remote)

Directors Absent
None

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 22, 2026 at 7:31 PM.

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

D. Approve Meeting Agenda

U. Sayers made a motion to approve meeting agenda.
L. Brown seconded the motion.
The Executive Director requested we move the Executive Director presentation to the top of the agenda so she can drop off.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Executive Director Updates

A. Executive Director's Updates

Giving Tuesday
Giving Tuesday is Dec. 1 which means we are weeks away from the biggest giving day of the year. To help everyone get ready Kolt made emails, flyers, trackers, and other tools easy for help board members pull in larger donations. **Toolkit shared with the board can be accessed via this link:** RESOURCES

Two ways for donors to contribute:

Path 1: Georgia PEACH Tax Credit - This pathway is great for any person, couple, or business who wants a dollar for dollar tax break. This where you could easily convince a Georgia donor to support us with large funds as it would result in an immediate tax break for the upcoming year. Be thinking of around 5 different individuals or companies who would truly benefit from this.

Path 2: Donation through the MACS Website - This is ideal for anyone looking to give a small donation, out of state supporter, or anyone looking to do recurring support as well! It still gives a receipt for contributions and is a great tag in your LinkedIn, social media, and other thankful networks.

Both ways work. The goal is to raise $12-15,000 this year as a board to hit our annual fundraising goal.

FY26 Audit
For the third year in a row, Bambo has completed our audit and returned it back with no findings I am sharing both the original audit (though some minor changes are still being discussed) and an overall GLOWS/GROWS chart with the next steps for MACS including improving cashflow, paying down debts, and growing liquidity. Please review and feel free to discuss during our time together.

VOTES
Two votes are needed from the board during this meeting:

VOTE 1: Acceptance of the CSP Subgrant Award (HERE)
This is the first step in allowing us to begin the budgeting and drawdown process for funds.

VOTE 2: Records Retention Policy (HERE):
This is a new requirement from the SCSC and our collaborators at 21cobalt are offering this language aligned to statute.

III. Approve Minutes from September 19, 2026 Board Meeting

A. Approve Minutes from September 19, 2026

J. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes from Miles Ahead Charter School Board Meeting on 09-19-26.
L. Cox seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. Treasurer's Report

Lewis Cox, Treasurer, shared the Treasurer's reports listed below:

FY27 September 2026 Financial Update
https://drive.google.com/file/d/19_-ftYtTUfYlkTZif9RWC4zOGUZWlLQ0/view?usp=sharing

MACS Treasurer Report July - Sep 2026-2027
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17I0QB4xDS2Ey3GWRV9B3ovQ7DOjgQmMr/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111271138890830228698&rtpof=true&sd=true

V. Committee Updates

A. Committee Updates

Committee Updates

Committees / Taskforce:

Committees:

- Academic Committee -
  - Joel Hazard presented; the committee met with Kolt on October 8th and discussed student demographic data and academic performance.
  - There are a number of students who are coming in with learning challenges and there are emerging needs stemming from social, behavioral, and speech impediments.
  - Teachers are facing a number of accommodations in the classroom, this provides challenges since some needs are complex.
  - The Academic Committee will be discussing the training needed by the teachers to ensure they are effectively serving students.
  - Tutoring grant of $100,000 was received; Kolt is working on the plan to determine how the funds will be utilized in accordance with the grant stipulations
  - Upcoming priorities - review MAP and Benchmark assessments for Reading and Math; anticipated completion of the Unified Literacy Plan; assist Kolt in designing game plan to equip teachers with training needed.
  - Next meeting is November 12th
- Governance Committee -
  - Dr Henry Smith noted the bylaws require an update to clearly call out the Board Member contribution amount and consequences.

Taskforce:

- Development Taskforce - MACS Fundraising Goals 2026-2027 $60,000
  - Latriecia Brown reiterated the importance of fundraising to MACs. Kolt's presentation during the Executive Director update was also reiterated. The Taskforce will meet with Kolt and a staff member on next steps to keep momentum for Giving Tuesday

VI. Items To Vote On

A. Acceptance of the CSP Subgrant Award

U. Sayers made a motion to Accept the CSP Subgrant Award.
J. Hazard seconded the motion.
Link to CSP Subgrant Award Letter: HERE. This vote is the first step in allowing us to begin the budgeting and drawdown process for funds.

Question was asked why we are being asked to accept it. It was noted that it a requirement for the Board to vote to accept the grant. Question was also asked regarding use of grant. Additional information will be shared as available.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B.

Records Retention Policy

L. Brown made a motion to accept and approve the Records Retention Policy.
L. Cox seconded the motion.
Records Retention Policy can be found HERE.

This is a new requirement from the SCSC and our collaborators at 21cobalt are offering this language aligned to statute.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Hazard	Aye
L. Cox	Aye
L. Brown	Aye
U. Sayers	Abstain
H. Robinson	Aye
H. Lust	Aye
H. Smith	Aye
J. Foster	Aye
K. White	Aye

C. Update To MACS Bylaws

H. Smith made a motion to Update bylaws/board contributions.
U. Sayers seconded the motion.
Update To Bylaws / Board Contributions section 4.11:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JGRF2zVM7xZkkbuHycwGVus9zR0_yCT6hm7GIhfXZ5U/edit?usp=sharing

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

VII. Important Items To Discuss / Sign

A. Important Items to Discuss/SIgn

No important items to discuss/sign

VIII. Review and Discussion Topics

A. Board Chair Followups

Board Chair Followups

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

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 / Taskforce:**
  - **Academic Excellence**
    - Joel Hazard - Chair
    - Katherine White - Vice-Chair/Secretary
    - Henry L. Lust
  - **Finance**
    - Lewis Cox - Chair
    - Jasmine Foster - Vice-Chair/Secretary
    - Anita Booker / Resigned
    - Henry L. Lust
  - **Development Taskforce**
    - **Latriecia Bro**wn - Chair
    - Henry L. Lust
  - **Governance**
    - Uso Sayers - Vice-Chair/Secretary
    - Henry L. Lust
    - Dr. Henry Smith - Chair

B. Executive Session

L. Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session for litigation & personnel discussion.
H. Smith seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
L. Brown made a motion to return to regular session.
H. Smith seconded the motion.
9:15pm
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IX. Closing Items

A.

Public Forum - Opportunity for Submitted Questions from Public

No comments.

B. Announcements

C. Next Board Meeting: Thursday November 19, 2026 @ 7:30pm via Zoom.

D. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Lust