

# MS Delta Academies

## Minutes

### Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

virtual

Meeting location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83885678291?pwd=UDZ5UXNaZDNSNWxJYW9SSEx5UUVRQT09>

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#### Directors Present

Jacquelyn Brownlow (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Sonja Hollins-Alexander (remote), Williams Brack (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Emily Cupples

#### Guests Present

Danielle Blaszak (remote), Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw (remote), LaToya Spurlock-Fluker (remote), Rene Fumich (remote), Tamala Shaw (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

#### B. Record Attendance

#### C. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Approved by common consent

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

#### D.

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies on 04-19-22.

Approved by common consent

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

## **II. Board Chair's Report**

### **A. Vote on ED Memo**

Vote postponed until July

## **III. Executive Director's Report**

### **A. Facilities & Operations Updates**

Dr. Shaw provided an update on the purchase and renovation of the facility, which is now officially owned by MS Delta Academies.

Dr. Shaw also noted that food services will be brought in house for operations based on the results of a state audit. Mr. Walker will oversee the program and a consultant has been secured to assist. Mr. Martin posed a clarifying question about cafeteria inspections.

A school bus has been purchased and will arrive in July.

The 21st CCLC program is underway and includes college and career exploration, gardening, foreign languages, financial literacy, algebra, and much more.

### **B. Enrollment & Hiring**

Dr. Shaw provided an update on student enrollment and teacher hiring.

Social media presence and partnerships are growing and expanding. Trustmark Bank partnership will include a Scholar Dollars program to offer accounts and starter funds for all students and deposits based on student grades.

### **C. Vote on School Calendar**

Dr. Shaw reviewed key dates on the calendar.

Williams Brack made a motion to approve the school calendar.

Sonja Hollins-Alexander seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Strategic Planning Updates**

Danielle Blaszczak shared updates toward the strategic plan goals and pulled out key ones to focus on for the short term of 3-6 months. A proposal for the continuing services of MKS Partners is forthcoming and will be available for the next board meeting.

#### **IV. Financial Report**

##### **A. Vote on financial reports**

Rene Fumich reviewed the balance sheet, cashflow, and budget to actuals. Mr. Martin asked a clarifying question about the current budget surplus, which Ms. Fumich explained.

Ms. Fumich presented the proposed FY23 budget and reviewed it onscreen with board members. Mr. Martin posed clarifying questions about facility expenses, increased personnel expenses, and mortgage payment timeline and structure. Dr. Shaw and Ms. Fumich provided additional detail to address the questions.

Ms. Fumich will break out the interest line items to provide additional clarity.

##### **B. Vote on FY23 Budget**

Sonja Hollins-Alexander made a motion to approve the budget as presented.

Jacquelyn Brownlow seconded the motion.

No questions

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

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Academic Report**

##### **B. Finance Committee**

##### **C. Governance Committee**

Mr. Martin presented four candidates for board members, including their resumes and qualifications, as well as committee recommendations. Erin Mulligan, Cassadria Hansbrough, Amanda Wiltshire, and Erica Plybeah Hemphill.

Mr. Martin will research Robert's Rules of Order to determine the possibility of changing the bylaws to define a quorum as less than majority.

Mr. Martin noted this meeting will be the last one Dr. Alexander will be participating in as a board member. He thanked her for her service and invited her to make a statement. Dr.

Alexander offered her praise for all the school has accomplished and offered her ongoing support in other capacities.

**D. Vote on New Board Members**

Sonja Hollins-Alexander made a motion to accept the four candidates presented as board members.

Williams Brack seconded the motion.

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

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Next Meeting Date & Topics**

The board discussed their schedules and availability and agreed to conduct a SurveyMonkey survey to determine the best time and day of week for meetings going forward.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tamala Shaw