

MS Delta Academies

Minutes

Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

Date and Time

Monday March 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

virtual

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

Meeting ID: 838 8567 8291

Passcode: 580498

Directors Present

Erica Plybeah Hemphill (remote), Erin Mulligan (remote), Jacquelyn Brownlow (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Tracy Mims (remote)

Directors Absent

Cassandra Hansbrough, Emily Cupples, Williams Brack

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Jacquelyn Brownlow

Guests Present

Tamala Shaw (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Agenda

Tracy Mims made a motion to accept the agenda.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

GT3 is unable to attend the meeting; Dr. Shaw will give the financial report instead

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

D. Approve Minutes

Erin Mulligan made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies on 02-12-24.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.

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

II. Board Chair/Vice Chair's Report

A. Weather Policy

Tracy Mims made a motion to adopt the inclement policy that the board grants the superintendent/executive director the power to decide when to close school due to inclement weather and to decide whether missed days will be made up.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.

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

B. CEO Evaluation Process

Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw presented the options for ED/CEO evaluation through BoardOnTrack. Members posed clarifying questions about the process.

Jacquelyn Brownlow arrived.

III. Financial Report

A. Review and Approve Financial Reports

Dr. Shaw presented the financial reports that GT3 shared with her and highlighted key line items and expenses over \$5,000, as well as cash flow, cash on hand, and actuals year to date reports.

B. Board On Track renewal

Tracy Mims made a motion to approve the renewal of Board on Track for the cost of \$5,495.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

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

IV. Executive Director's Report

A. General Updates

Calendar: Dr. Shaw presented the draft calendar for the 2024-25 school year.

Cognia Award: Dr. Shaw shared that Cognia has presented Leflore Legacy with the School of Excellence Award.

Garden: Dr. Shaw shared the school has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to start a community garden.

Strategic Plan: Dr. Shaw shared that accreditation requires the school demonstrate that its stakeholders are familiar with the long-term strategic plan. MKS Education has been re-engaged to address marketing the plan.

Atlanta Trip: Dr. Shaw shared that select scholars will participate in a learning excursion college tour trip to Atlanta May 8-11. Leflore Legacy will cover the bulk of the expenses with some family contribution expected. Members asked follow up questions. Erica Plybeah offered to sponsor scholarships for three scholars whose families cannot meet the family contribution requirement.

B. School Calendar Approval

The board will revisit the draft calendar at the next meeting.

V. Committee Reports

A. Development Committee - Vision Meeting

Erin Mulligan provided an update about RSVPs and event plans for the Vision Meeting. Dr. Shaw gave an update about the staff's role in the event and plans to date. Members discussed.

B. Governance Committee

McKinley Martin reminded the board that a date needs to be scheduled for the annual in-person retreat. Members discussed.

Tracy Mims made a motion to schedule the annual board retreat for June 21-22, 2024.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Meeting Date & Topics

The next meeting will be 5:30pm on Monday, April 8, 2024.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tamala Shaw