

# MS Delta Academies

## Minutes

### Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

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#### Date and Time

Monday August 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

virtual

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

Meeting ID: 838 8567 8291

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#### Directors Present

Cassandra Hansbrough (remote), Erica Plybeah Hemphill (remote), Erin Mulligan (remote), Jacquelyn Brownlow (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Tracy Mims (remote), Williams Brack (remote)

#### Directors Absent

None

#### Guests Present

Ann Krafcik, Katie Wise (remote), Tamala Shaw (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

McKinley Martin called a meeting of the board of directors of MS Delta Academies to order on Monday Aug 12, 2024 at 5:32 PM.

#### B. Record Attendance

#### C. Approve Agenda

Cassandra Hansbrough made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

McKinley Martin seconded the motion.

Adding Academic Excellence Committee Report at request of Board Member Hansbrough.

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

**D. Approve Minutes (Day 1 of Retreat)**

Erin Mulligan made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Boards Retreat on 06-21-24.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approve Minutes (Day 2 of Retreat)**

Cassandria Hansbrough made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Retreat Day 2 on 06-22-24.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

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

**II. Board Chair/Vice Chair's Report**

**A. CEO Evaluation Process - ED Memo**

Board members will review the memo this week and then the Chair will ask members to vote to approve it at a later time.

**III. Financial Report**

**A. Review and Approve Financial Reports**

Katie Wise presented the preliminary year-end financials as of June 30, 2024 and the audit preparations. She also presented monthly expenditures over \$5,000 and the cash flow report.

Williams Brack made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

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

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

**A. Cognia Accreditation & Strategic Plan Updates**

Accreditation - Dr. Shaw shared the preparations underway for the Cognia SACS accreditation review at the end of September and the coaching being provided through Cognia.

**B. General Updates**

HR - She gave an update on hiring, open positions, and teacher certification status.

Enrollment - Dr. Shaw shared the number of scholars who enrolled, the number who are actually attending school so far, and how the number compares to the budgeted enrollment target. She also shared information about marketing efforts through Mariposa with the support of Charter School Growth Fund. She also explained several of the retention strategies being implemented. Board members asked follow up questions.

Fundraising - Dr. Shaw discussed the grants being applied for and how the board can support these efforts. She also shared the status of the MCOPS grant.

Compliance - Dr. Shaw shared dates for the MCSAB-required trainings required for board members.

State Accountability Scores - Dr. Shaw shared embargoed preliminary scores from the state and reminded board members this information is not to be shared outside of this meeting until the embargo has been lifted.

Finance - Dr. Shaw shared the deadline for the audit to be completed.

Williams Brack made a motion to approve the acceptance of the MCOPS if it's determined to be feasible for the school.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Committee Reports**

### **A. Governance Committee**

Cassandria Hansbrough made a motion to renew Williams Brack's board membership for another three-year.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

Term dates will be 9/1/2024-8/31/2027.

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

### **B. Academic Excellence Committee**

Ms. Hansbrough reported the committee will soon schedule a meeting to set annual goals. She reported she visited several staff members and shared her impressions of the newly-adopted ELA curriculum.

### **C. Committee Calendar**

Committee chairs will contact their members to set a meeting schedule.

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A.**

### **Next Meeting Date & Topics**

Next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 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 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tamala Shaw