

MS Delta Academies

Minutes

Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

Date and Time

Monday September 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

virtual

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

Meeting ID: 838 8567 8291

Passcode: 580498

Directors Present

Cassandra Hansbrough, Erin Mulligan, Jacquelyn Brownlow, McKinley Martin, Tracy Mims

Directors Absent

Erica Plybeah Hemphill, Williams Brack

Guests Present

Ann Krafcik, Florina Burnwatt, Tamala Shaw, Vallrie Dorsey

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 Sep 8, 2025 at 5:53 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Agenda

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

Tracy Mims seconded the motion.

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 08-11-25.

Jacquelyn Brownlow seconded the motion.

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

II. Board Chair/Vice Chair's Report

A. Report

Mr. Martin shared information about a board training session for board members being provided by MCSAB in Jackson. Date and time TBD.

III. Financial Report

A. Review and Approve Financial Reports

No monthly financial report available. Dr. Tamala Shaw provided an update on the annual audit process.

Cassandria Hansbrough made a motion to table the approval of the monthly financial reports until next meeting.

Tracy Mims seconded the motion.

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

IV. Executive Director's Report

A. General Updates

Dr. Shaw provided updates on scholar enrollment, personnel/staffing, and facilities/operations. She also shared information about the elevator repairs and HVAC updates.

Dr. Shaw gave an update about the situation involving a vehicle that damaged the school building and communications with the insurance companies involved. Board members asked follow up questions and provided guidance. Vallrie Dorsey, the school's attorney, provided additional advice.

She also provided updates on partnerships with MS Charter School Association and Charter School Growth Fund.

Dr. Shaw provided a fundraising and donations update, including Giving Tuesday. She also shared an update about the Whole Schools grant from the MS Arts Commission that's being implemented this year.

She provided an update about the preliminary "grade" the school expects to receive this year based on state assessment results.

V. Policy Point

A. Policy Review

Board members discussed the homeless policy and EL policy that members previously reviewed. Florina Burnwatt, Legacy teacher, provided an overview of both policies.

Dr. Shaw provided and reviewed 1) Family Engagement Policy, 2) Parent and Scholar Compact, and 3) Parent right to request and review teacher credentials.

Tracy Mims made a motion to adopt the Homeless Policy as presented to the board.

Cassandra Hansbrough seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Jacquelyn Brownlow	Absent
Cassandra Hansbrough	Aye
Erin Mulligan	Aye
Williams Brack	Absent
McKinley Martin	Aye
Erica Plybeah Hemphill	Absent
Tracy Mims	Aye

Erin Mulligan made a motion to adopt the EL Policy as presented to the board.

Tracy Mims seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Tracy Mims	Aye
Williams Brack	Absent
Cassandra Hansbrough	Aye
Jacquelyn Brownlow	Absent
Erica Plybeah Hemphill	Absent
Erin Mulligan	Aye
McKinley Martin	Aye

Cassandra Hansbrough made a motion to adopt the Family & Community Engagement Policy as presented.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

McKinley Martin	Aye
Erica Plybeah Hemphill	Absent
Williams Brack	Absent
Tracy Mims	Aye
Cassandra Hansbrough	Aye

Roll Call

Erin Mulligan	Aye
Jacquelyn Brownlow	Absent

VI. Committee Reports

A. Governance

None

B. Academic

Cassandria Hansbrough provided a brief update. The committee has not formally met.

C. Development (Fundraising)

Erin Mulligan provided a fundraising update and presented ideas for a spring event. Tracy Mims made a motion to hold a board-led fundraiser event on April 2, 2026 at Old City Hall. Erin Mulligan seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Cassandria Hansbrough	Aye
Erin Mulligan	Aye
Tracy Mims	Aye
Jacquelyn Brownlow	Absent
McKinley Martin	Aye
Williams Brack	Absent
Erica Plybeah Hemphill	Absent

D. Finance

None

VII. Public Comments

A. Comments

Teacher Florina Burnwatt shared how much she enjoys working at Leflore Legacy Academy.

VIII. Executive Session (if needed)

A. Executive Session

The board entered executive session at 7:02 pm to discuss a personnel matter. The session included board members, Dr. Shaw and Attorney Dorsey. The board exited executive session at 7:24 pm. No decisions were made. No action was taken.

IX. Closing Items

A. Next Meeting Date & Topics

The next meeting will Oct. 13 at 5:30 pm.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tamala Shaw