

# MS Delta Academies

## Minutes

### MS Delta Academies Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday December 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

virtual

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**Directors Present**

Emily Cupples (remote), Erica Plybeah Hemphill (remote), Erin Mulligan (remote), Jacquelyn Brownlow (remote), McKinley Martin (remote)

**Directors Absent**

Cassandra Hansbrough, Williams Brack

**Guests Present**

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 Dec 11, 2023 at 5:36 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Approve Agenda**

Erin Mulligan made a motion to approve the agenda.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Approve Minutes**

Jacquelyn Brownlow made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies on 11-13-23.

Emily Cupples seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Financial Report**

### **A. Review and Approve Financial Reports**

Katie Wise of GT3 provided the reports for October, highlighting areas of particular interest and expenses over \$5,000.

Erin Mulligan made a motion to approve the financial report.

Jacquelyn Brownlow seconded the motion.

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

Katie presented the EFRLF loan opportunity for existing debt or emergency facility repairs.

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

### **A. General Updates**

General updates - Dr. Shaw provided an update about the Giving Tuesday fundraiser. She also provided an update about a feasibility study grant opportunity. She said scholars are expressing excitement about the sports teams that have been added. She shared the possibility of adding a gym at some point in the next several years. Dr. Shaw shared that Cognia will visit the school tomorrow as part of the accreditation process. The grant-funded LEAP program will kick off soon. The school submitted a grant application for PLTW funding and are awaiting the results.

Enrollment updates - Dr. Shaw shared enrollment counts from the December 1 count.

HR updates - for Executive Session

Assessments - Dr. Shaw shared information about Mastery Connect and iReady.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Vision Meeting**

Erin Mulligan shared a potential location. March 28th at 6pm is the tentative date.

**B. Governance Committee**

McKinley Martin provided an update about Dr. Mims' candidacy for board membership. Erin Mulligan made a motion to invite Dr. Tracy Mims to join the MS Delta Academies board as a member.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.

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

**V. Executive Session (if needed)**

**A. Executive Session - HR**

Executive Session began at 6:22pm and ended at 6:31pm.

**VI. Executive Director Housing**

**A. Housing Stipend**

Emily Cupples made a motion to grant Dr. Tamala Boyd Shaw a \$500 housing allowance Jan-Dec 2024 with payment made directly to the landlord between the 1st and 12th of each month.

Erin Mulligan seconded the motion.

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

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Next Meeting Date & Topics**

Next meeting: 5:30pm on Jan. 8

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tamala Shaw