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# MS Delta Academies

## Minutes

### Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies

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#### Date and Time

Monday February 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83885678291?pwd=UDZ5UXNaZDNSNWxJYW9SSEEx5UUVRQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 8567 8291

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#### Directors Present

Cassandra Hansbrough (remote), Erica Plybeah Hemphill (remote), Jacquelyn Brownlow (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Tracy Mims (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Erin Mulligan, Williams Brack

#### Guests Present

Brainna Moore (remote), Deborah Martin (remote), Katie Wise (remote), Lily Phillips (remote), Marquehsa Jones (remote), Tamala Shaw (remote), Vallrie Dorsey (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Tracy Mims called a meeting of the board of directors of MS Delta Academies to order on Monday Feb 9, 2026 at 5:37 PM.

#### B. Record Attendance

#### C. Approve Agenda

Cassandra Hansbrough made a motion to approve the agenda.

Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **D. Approve Minutes**

Cassandra Hansbrough made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies on 01-12-26.  
Erica Plybeah Hemphill seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

#### **A. Report**

None

### **III. Mission Moment**

#### **A. Gifted & Mississippi Whole School**

Legacy Instructor Deborah Martin and Legacy Scholar Lily Phillips offered an overview of the gifted program and specific examples of projects the scholars have completed. Board members shared their impressions and feedback.

Ms. Martin also described the Mississippi Whole Schools Program being implemented at Leflore Legacy Academy this year.

### **IV. Financial Report**

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

Katie Wise shared the monthly financial reports on screen and reviewed the expenditures over \$5,000, revenue and expenditure highlights, cash on hand, annual trends, and the impact of changes to ad valorem funding.

Cassandra Hansbrough made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, including expenditures over \$5,000.

Tracy Mims seconded the motion.

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

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

#### **A. General Updates**

Dr. Shaw shared information about facilities update, BoardonTrack renewal, adding 5th grade, and the previously-discussed feasibility study.

#### **B. Adding 5th Grade**

Dr. Shaw shared the result of the MCSAB board meeting during which the charter amendment request to add 5th grade was discussed. In response to board member questions, she clarified the definition of high quality and the difference between an expansion request and an amendment request.

Tracy Mims made a motion to add a 5th grade to Leflore Legacy Academy via contract amendment.

Cassandria Hansbrough seconded the motion.

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

**C. Feasibility Plan Follow Up**

Dr. Shaw will reach out to John Beard to follow up.

**D. Board on Track Renewal**

The contract is in negotiations.

**VI. Policy Point**

**A. MCSAB Notice of Concern**

Dr. Shaw shared the January 2026 Notice of Concern Letter from the MCSAB office on screen with the board members and walked through the topics addressed in the letter.

Board members posed questions and discussed.

**VII. Committee Reports**

**A. Governance**

None

**B. Academic**

Cassandria Hansbrough shared a mid-year academic update she received in a meeting with Principal Beechem. Mr. Beechem provided additional context and details.

**C. Development (Fundraising)**

Erica Plybeah Hemphill provided an update about the spring fundraiser planning.

Members discussed.

**D. Finance**

Dr. Shaw shared that the finance committee is scheduled to meet with MCSAB on Feb. 19th.

**VIII. Closing Items**

**A.**

**Next Meeting Date & Topics**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2026.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tamala Shaw