



Memphis Merit Academy Charter School

Monthly MMA Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday April 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM EDT

Location

Memphis Merit Academy

PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEMPHIS MERIT ACADEMY BOARD MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public to address the Board will be provided at the conclusion of the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time at the discretion of the Board. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters pertaining to Memphis Merit Academy. The Board may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period that are not listed on the agenda.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:30 PM
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Aurelia McBride	

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C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Aurelia McBride	1 m
II. Review and Approval of Monthly Financials			5:32 PM
The purpose of this section is to review and approve the monthly financials for MMA.			
A. Approval of Monthly Financials	Vote	Wendy Butler	10 m
This is the monthly review of prior month financials and updates by back office provider.			
III. Review of FY26 Budget			5:42 PM
This is the review of the FY26 budget and first read to larger board.			
A. FY26 Budget Draft Review	Discuss	Wendy Butler, Angelina Mccoach, and Lakenna Booker	10 m
Review of current budget iteration to larger board of directors			
IV. Approval of Auditing Firm			5:52 PM
Approval of new auditing firm			
A. HHM Firm	Vote	Aurelia McBride	10 m
Auditing firm for upcoming fiscal year			
V. Approval of School Calendar 2025-2026			6:02 PM
The attached is the draft calendar submitted to MSCS school district. The accompanying document also shows state requirements.			
A. MMA School Calendar 2025-2026			5 m
VI. Approval of Contracts FY25-26			6:07 PM
The purpose of this section is for review and approval of FY25-26 contracts based on the budget.			
A. Technology- Network monitoring	Vote	Aurelia McBride	5 m

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Network monitoring contract from Wired!			

VII. Consultants 6:12 PM

The attached are consultants used for academics, finance and operations.

A. The Learning Lounge -Consultants- Math	Vote	Aurelia McBride	5 m
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The purpose of this contract is to support math instruction strategic plan development, coaching of teachers and leaders, analysis of data, and curriculum and pacing support.

Agenda Item Summary

The purpose of this contract is to provide math coaching to teachers and leaders. The Learning Lounge also supports teacher professional development, data analysis and action planning for math, and more.

VIII. Curriculum & Digital Platforms 6:17 PM

The attached contracts are the approvals for digital platforms used in the school for operations.

- Schoolmint Grow for observations, Schoolrunner for SIS and parent communication, and video hub for PD.
- Schoology
- Dean's List
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A. Schoolmint	Vote	Aurelia McBride	5 m
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SchoolMint is a cloud-based platform that helps schools manage student enrollment, school choice, and communication. It's available online and on mobile devices.

Features

- **Enrollment management:** Collect and process applications, run lotteries, and assign student placements
- **Communication:** Send notifications to families about waitlist positions and lottery results
- **Document management:** Scan, upload, store, and access student documents
- **Reporting:** Analyze student enrollment data
- **Custom forms:** Create and track custom forms

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration: Connect with school information systems like PowerSchool, Skyward, and Aeries 			
B. Schoology - Learning Management System for Middle School	Vote	Lakenna Booker	5 m
<p>Schoology is a learning management system (LMS) that connects people, content, and systems to support education. It's essentially an online platform where teachers can organize their courses, share materials, assign tasks, communicate with students and parents, and track student progress. Think of it as a digital version of a teacher's website or an extension of the classroom.</p> <p>Key features and benefits of Schoology:</p> <p>Course Management: Teachers can create courses, organize materials into folders, and assign tasks.</p> <p>Communication: Schoology facilitates announcements, discussions, and messaging between teachers, students, and parents.</p>			
C. McGraw Hill Science Curriculum	Vote	Lakenna Booker	5 m
<p>TDOE conducted science curriculum review. McGraw Hill is on the adopted list for science for Grades 3-8. This product allows for both digital and physical content for teachers and students.</p>			
D. I-Ready Math Curriculum	Vote	Lakenna Booker	5 m
<p>Math curriculum approved by TDOE</p>			
E. Dean's List	Vote	Angelina Mccoach	5 m
<p>Discipline platform and communication platform for school.</p>			

IX. Approval of Additional Bank Account Opening

Approval of additional bank account opening for money market account. Attachment circulated to board members for review. General details: <https://www.pnfp.com/business-finance/deposit-accounts/savings-and-money-markets/>

X. Committee Reports

6:42 PM

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The purpose of this section is to review committee reports.

A.	Academic Achievement Committee	Discuss	Lashawn Lester	10 m
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2024-2025 Goals MMA's Academic Achievement Committee

- MMA's academic achievement committee will execute Executive Director evaluation by 12/2024 of the 2024-2025 SY.
- MMA's academic achievement committee will create a more robust academic data dashboard by the end of 2024-2025 SY.
- MMA's academic achievement committee will monitor the current academic data dashboard each month.

B.	Development Committee	Discuss	Timorie Belk	10 m
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2024-2025 Goals MMA's Development Committee

- MMA's development committee will MMA's BOD will be a 100% giving board by 6/30/2025.
- MMA's development committee will create and develop policies for fundraising.
- MMA's development committee will secure partnership with New Memphis to support development campaign launch.
- MMA's development committee will secure at least \$50K in corporate giving by 4/2025.

C.	Finance Committee	Discuss	Joseph McKinney	10 m
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2024-2025 Goals MMA's Finance Committee

- MMA's finance committee will complete and finalize the multi-year financial strategic plan which incorporates facility for the next 3+ years.
- MMA's finance committee will determine and finalize policies to support the flow of cash from MMARE to MMA by 12/2024.
- MMA's finance committee will develop a facility plan by Oct. 30th to determine facility expansion cost for the upcoming school year.

D.	Governance Committee	Discuss	Aurelia McBride	10 m
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2024-2025 Goals MMA's Governance Committee

- MMA's governance committee will recruit at least 6 new members by Feb. 2025.

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• MMA's governance committee will determine members rolling off by March 2025.			
• MMA's governance committee will recruit at least 1 non-director committee members for each committee.			

XI. Other Business	7:22 PM
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A.	Executive Director Update	Discuss	Lakenna Booker	10 m
B.	MMARE Financials	Discuss	Kyle McGowan	15 m

The purpose of this section is to update the board on monthly financial position of the total property of 4089 American Way.

C.	Property Manager Reports - 901 Properties	Discuss	Brook Loper	10 m
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This is a summary of reports from 901 Properties on expenses and revenues for managing the properties.

XII. Closing Items	7:57 PM
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A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Aurelia McBride
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* 8-44-102. Open meetings -- "Governing body" defined -- "Meeting" defined. (a)All meetings of any governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as provided by the Constitution of Tennessee...(ii) The provisions of this subdivision (b)(1)(E) shall not be construed to require the disclosure of a trade secret or proprietary information held or used by an association or nonprofit corporation to which this chapter applies. In the event a trade secret or proprietary information is required to be discussed in an open meeting, the association or nonprofit corporation may conduct an executive session to discuss such trade secret or proprietary information; provided that a notice of the executive session is included in the agenda for such meeting. (iii)As used in this subdivision (b) (1) (E): (a)"Proprietary information" means rating information, plans, or proposals; actuarial information; specifications for specific services provided; and any other similar commercial or financial information used in making or deliberating toward a decision by employees, agents or the board of directors of such association or corporation; and which if known to a person or entity outside the association or corporation would give such person or entity an advantage or an opportunity to gain an

advantage over the association or corporation when providing or bidding to provide the same or similar services to local governments; and (b)"Trade secret" means the whole or any portion or phrase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula or improvement which is secret and of value. The trier of fact may infer a trade secret to be secret when the owner thereof takes measures to prevent it from becoming available to persons other than those selected by the owner to have access thereto for limited purposes.