



# Memphis Merit Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### Monthly MMA Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday January 23, 2025 at 4:30 PM

#### **Location**

Memphis Merit Academy

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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.

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#### **Directors Present**

Angelia Allen, Aurelia McBride, Lashawn Lester, Talunja Prophet, Timorie Belk

#### **Directors Absent**

Dimika Cavalier, Joseph McKinney

#### **Guests Present**

Angelina Mccoach, Lakenna Booker, Tasia Mitchum

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Aurelia McBride called a meeting of the board of directors of Memphis Merit Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Jan 23, 2025 at 4:37 PM.

### **C. MMA Student Presentation**

### **D. Approve Minutes**

Timorie Belk made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly MMA Board Meeting on 11-21-24.

Angelia Allen seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Review and Approval of Monthly Financials**

### **A. Approval of Monthly Financials**

Presentation by Wendy Butler with EdTec.

Supplies & Materials and Personnel drive \$47K net operating income increase. Ended December with \$645K; projected to end FY25 with \$430K, or 24 DCOH. Received TISA outcomes funding.

Next steps: continue student enrollment/retention; spend within budget to preserve cash

Goals: FY26 Budget; fundraising; plan/execute final phase of facilities project

Angelia Allen made a motion to approve monthly financials.

Lashawn Lester seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Review and Acceptance of the FY 24 Audit**

### **A. Review and Approval of the FY 24 990 Audit**

Do not yet have the audit from the auditors. Will be shared with the Board upon receipt.

Deadline to submit is 1/31/25.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic Achievement Committee**

- Finish out 2022-2023 HOS evaluation
- Goals drafted, just need approval
- Will have 2023-2024 completed by April 2025
- Lower grades continue to excel

Angelia Allen made a motion to approve the board committee goals and annual plan goals (school goals) to be added to academic 2022-2023 evaluation.

Lashawn Lester seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Aurelia McBride	Aye
Dimika Cavalier	Absent
Talunja Prophet	Aye
Joseph McKinney	Absent
Lashawn Lester	Aye
Timorie Belk	Aye
Angelia Allen	Aye

### **B. Development Committee**

- Updating packet materials for 2025
- Timorie will schedule development committee meeting for next week, will formulate timeline to get mailer out in next four weeks
- Board members willing to do in-person visits

### **C. Finance Committee**

- BlueHub funding projected at 1.6 million
- Secured \$500K from State of TN
- Discussed audit frustration
- Line of credit extended until March, pending the audit, then will issue renewal
- City of Memphis grant - youth empowerment - \$5K received (outdoor classroom/garden, farmers market)

### **D. Governance Committee**

- Did not meet last month
- Still focused on recruiting new board members
- Working on onboarding materials for Reid, and will be shared with future new members
- Considering and evaluating possibility of changing to meeting quarterly vs. monthly
- CSGF is pleased with board member involvement and leadership

### **V. Other Business**

## **A. Executive Director Update**

- Growth for students last year led to F grade
- 98% enrollment
- Gap: 10 students
- Offering attendance incentives for staff, students
- Review of academic performance by ELA, Math
- MMA submitted for national architect award

## **B. MMARE Financials**

Revenue slightly lower than expected. Delinquent balances decreased by \$1K. Savings from switching to other security service. Kyle has done a great job with comms with the auditor, and 901 Properties. She'd like to propose a mid-year audit to make full audit process more smooth.

## **C. MMARE Financials - 901 Properties**

Kyle was not available; Ms. Mccoach provided the update (above)

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Timorie Belk

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