



# Memphis Merit Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### Monthly MMA Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday March 20, 2025 at 5:30 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, Joseph McKinney, Reid Lanigan (remote), Talunja Prophet, Timorie Belk

#### Directors Absent

Dimika Cavalier, Lashawn Lester

#### Guests Present

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Angelina Mccoach, Lakenna Booker

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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 Mar 20, 2025 at 5:42 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

Talunja Prophet made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly MMA Board Meeting on 02-27-25.

Aurelia McBride seconded the motion.

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

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

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

School fundraising efforts brought in ~\$5K. Ended Feb with \$911K; projected to end FY25 with \$580K or 35DCOH. Steady retention of enrollment. 91.3% of school fundraising goal thanks to school fundraisers. Board members reminded to contribute by 6/30/25.

Joseph McKinney made a motion to approve the February monthly financials.

Timorie Belk seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Review of FY26 Budget**

### **A. FY26 Budget Draft Review**

Review of the proposed FY25-26 budget will be moved to April or May board meeting.

## **IV. Approval of Contracts FY25-26**

### **A. Board OnTrack Contract Renewal**

Angelia Allen made a motion to approve BOT contract renewal.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Technology**

Timorie Belk made a motion to approve the technology contract for staff laptops.

Talunja Prophet seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **V. Consultants**

### **A. Array Education - Lit- Consultants-Literacy**

Joseph McKinney made a motion to approve the LIT contract pending approval of FY25-26 budget.

Talunja Prophet seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **B. The Learning Lounge -Consultants- Math**

Will be moved to a future meeting.

## **VI. Digital Platforms**

### **A. Schoolmint**

Will be moved to a future meeting.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

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

Lakenna gave the update regarding Academic Achievement. The school is preparing for TCAP in 14 days. Reviewed TVAAS proficiency by grade level. TVAAS proficiency meeting or exceeding goals (other than 5th grade).

### **B. Development Committee**

Reminder about board contributions due 6/30/25. Let Ms. McCoach know when you've made a donation (yourself or another entity on your behalf) so it can be properly coded as a board member contribution. Fundraising policies in the works - will share with school leadership next week. Continuing to fine-tune the capital campaign documents.

### **C. Finance Committee**

The school finances have been trending in a great way all year. Draft budget for FY25-26 in progress.

### **D. Governance Committee**

Focusing on recruiting and training. Goal to have one more board member in place by end of school year. Board trainings are due by the end of May. Recruitment packet is in development, will be shared with the board when complete.

## **VIII. Other Business**

#### **A. Executive Director Update**

TVAAS proficiency reviewed by grade level. Construction for the remaining classrooms and bathroom is slated to be complete in mid-October. Will also include concrete structures for the parking lot and new doors for the front of the school.

#### **B. MMARE Financials**

Feb. revenue was higher than January due to 2 payments from Jackson Hewitt and double payments from African Braids. Red Diamond is not renewing their lease (\$8K behind in rent + CAM fees). Awaiting landscaping bill. Exploring renting out space within the school and/or the event space within the shopping plaza as an additional funding source.

#### **C. Property Manager Reports - 901 Properties**

N/A

### **IX. 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 7:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Timorie Belk

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