



Memphis Merit Academy Charter School

Minutes

Monthly MMA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 15, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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.

Directors Present

Aurelia McBride, Joseph McKinney, Talunja Prophet

Directors Absent

Angelia Allen, Dimika Cavalier, Lashawn Lester, Reid Lanigan, Timorie Belk

Guests Present

Alexis Gwin-Miller, Jacqueline Brown-Lewis

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 May 15, 2025 at 4:37 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

II. Review and Approval of Monthly Financials

A. Approval of Monthly Financials

- current forecast - \$210k, \$241k better than previously board approved budget
- summer boost grant from Bloomberg is the primary driver of increase
- ended April with 64 days on cash hand, exceeding goal of 60
- projecting to end the fiscal year with \$691k/39 days on hand
- enrollment of 429 students

FY 2026 Budget

- projected net income of \$14k
- 500 students ADM
- Cash projections
 - no TISA in May and July but still allows positive cash flow
 - projected federal funding placed at back end of the fiscal year; conservative projection
 - line of credit may be needed in 3 of 12 months

III. Approval of Auditing Firm

A. HHM Firm

Approval previously provided by BOD at April meeting; this is simply a review of finalized terms.

IV. Approval of Contracts FY25-26

A. Technology- American Capital Lease - Student Laptop Plan

Although unable to vote, present board members agree that this is a "time of the essence" matter in which L. Booker can get the process started even though it will not be immediately paid out. Issue of potential tariffs increasing prices substantially.

B.

Mastery Connect - Benchmarks

C. Edtec - Back Office Provider

D. CodeCrew

V. Committee Reports

A. Academic Achievement Committee

B. Development Committee

C. Finance Committee

No additional data outside of financials presented by EdTec

D. Governance Committee

Board Training - TCSC houses training

Board Terms

Elections

Board Retreat Dates

VI. Other Business

A. Executive Director Update

Enrollment; Compliance; Performance

- Authorizer audit on Special Education file; passed with flying colors
- Scorecard is coming up in June
 - Board Training - internal deadline of May 30, 2025; 24-25 training
- staffing - 4 available positions PLUS new grade level positions
- Enrollment
 - currently 424 students as of today
 - goal of 525 for next year; budget is based on 500
 - currently showing 535 confirmed seats as of today
 - growing waitlists for all grades; 6th grade continues to grow
- Construction
 - on track; plan to close on the loan by the end of the month

B. MMARE Financials- April

KAMFI - April Financials

- decreased month over month based on increase in utility bills and landscaping costs

- overall loss of \$189k
- delinquent balances
 - Red Diamond - security deposit should have covered a portion of the balance, leaving a balance of \$2k, not completely wipe out the balance
 - 901 to contact
 - Village Mart - decrease of \$500
 - African Braid - no change, still a month behind
 - no new delinquent tenants
- cash advance
 - from 901 to MMARE to cover upcoming BlueHub draw
- potential facility usage

C. Property Manager Reports - 901 Properties

- there is a lack of communication
- 901 states they do not have the capacity to provide the information that MMARE needs
- J. McKinney wants to request reporting plan for the Board to review, 30 day deadline, failure to respond will result in further steps from the Board

VII. 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 5:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aurelia McBride

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