



Memphis Merit Academy Charter School

Minutes

Monthly MMA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 16, 2026 at 5:30 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, Lashawn Lester (remote), Robin Dixon, Talunja Prophet, Timorie Belk

Directors Absent

Dimika Cavalier, Reid Lanigan

Guests Present

Angelina Mccoach, Ben Crowe, Lakenna Booker, Tasia Mitchum

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 Apr 16, 2026 at 5:42 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Joseph McKinney made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly MMA Board Meeting on 03-26-26.

Timorie Belk seconded the motion.

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

II. Review and Approval of Monthly Financials

A. Approval of Monthly Financials

Timorie Belk made a motion to approve the monthly financials for March 2026.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

No draw on line of credit this year

ended April with \$1.2 million

\$184k positive

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

B. FY27 Preliminary Budget Review

Joseph McKinney made a motion to approve the FY27 preliminary budget.

Timorie Belk seconded the motion.

-budget based on 564 students

-MMA providing its own lunch option for students will create a positive increase in revenue

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

III. Approvals

A. SY 26-27 School Calendar Approval

Timorie Belk made a motion to approve SY 26-27 School Calendar.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

Calendar is aligned to MSCS school calendar

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

B. Executive Director Evaluation

Mr. Lester has released the evaluation to all Board Members via BOT.

C. CKLA (Grades K-4)

Timorie Belk made a motion to approve CKLA contract.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

3 year contract

print and electronic resources

provides foundational skills assistance

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

D. Wit & Wisdom (Grades 5-8) 3 Years

Timorie Belk made a motion to approved Wit&Wisdom contract.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

this provider is approved by the State

aligned to novel focused reading which will facilitate stamina in students

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

E. EnVision Math (3 Year)

Timorie Belk made a motion to approve EnVision Math contract.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

accountability math adjustment

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

F. McGraw Hill - Science, Social Studies, and Spanish

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AND NOT VOTED UPON AT THE MEETING

G. Copier Lease

Timorie Belk made a motion to SHARP copier lease.

Joseph McKinney seconded the motion.

DEX, previous company, unable to compete with current offer

more benefits for less money

several thousands in savings this year alone

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

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Achievement Committee

B.

Development Committee

Aurelia will connect TImorie with Susanne Landau of Give Back Memphis to work on Capital Campaign

C. Finance Committee

D. Governance Committee

Slate of officers for May meeting, vote in June
determine Directors rolling off
vote on Karla Leeper at next meeting

V. Other Business

A. Executive Director Update

B. MMARE Financials - KAMI

C. Property Manager Reports - Progressive PM

D. Property Management Requests - Subleasing

MMARE has permission fo board to coordinate sub leasing agreement with Sweetgrass Counseling

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 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aurelia Mcbride

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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.