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**BEATRICE MAYES
INSTITUTE**
A WONDERLAND INC. SCHOOL

Beatrice Mayes Institute

Minutes

WEEA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location

Beatrice Mayes Institute
5807 Calhoun Rd.
Houston, TX 77021

Please see the Zoom link for the WEEA Board Meeting below:

[WEEA Board Meeting January 27, 2026](#)

Directors Present

B. Gilbert, G. Thomas (remote), J. Keeton, M. Taylor (remote), R. Caine

Directors Absent

J. Greenberg

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Mayes

Non Voting Members Present

C. Mayes

Guests Present

B. Foster, C. Simpson, D. Johnson, Gene Zhu (remote), S. Shahid

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Gilbert called a meeting of the board of directors of Beatrice Mayes Institute to order on Tuesday Jan 27, 2026 at 6:40 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Keeton made a motion to approve the minutes from WEEA Board Meeting on 12-16-25.

G. Thomas seconded the motion.

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. School Mint

J. Keeton made a motion to Approve School Mint Contract.

G. Thomas seconded the motion.

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

III. Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Update

- 612 students
- 76 full time employees
- 98% African American student population
- 74.76 Economically disadvantage
- 20% Special Needs Services (5% increase)

IV. Academic Excellence Committee & Strategic Plan

A. Academic Excellence

- Chief Academic Officer Dedra Johnson provided a presentation assessing progress of students test scores. Explained meanings of test categories and shared strategy that will ensure students improve test scores.
- Upcoming Professional Development Day - Goals will be reviewed with faculty.

- LIP (Local and Targeted Improvement Plan) - introduced plan to board members, will vote on plan during February Board Meeting.

V. Finance

A. Finance Report

- Detailed explanation of December financials provided by Gene Zhu.
- Schedule for fundraising will be presented during at February Board Meeting.
- Plan to pay down debt discussed.
- School related audit complete.
- Finance Committee will have audit draft by 2/11/2026.

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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Gilbert