APPROVED

The Main Street Academy

Minutes

Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
The Main Street Academy
2861 Lakeshore Drive
College Park, GA 30337

Directors Present
Chanel Recasner, Kanetha Stephens, Lisa Bentley-Whieldon, Shameka Smith, Tangi Bush, Esq., Tangie Warrior

Directors Absent
Damion Dunn, Kenya Morris, Michael Glanton

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Chad Owes

Guests Present
Adam Adebisi, AP (remote), Yuvonka Avery, AP (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chanel Recasner called a meeting of the board of directors of The Main Street Academy to order on Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 6:01 PM.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Tangi Bush, Esq. made a motion to Approve the 5/27 meeting agenda.
Shameka Smith seconded the motion.
approved with one edit: add executive session to new business
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes from 4.29.2025 Governing Board Meeting

Shameka Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from 4.29.25 Governing Board Meeting on 04-29-25.
Kanetha Stephens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Public Comment

No public comments.

II. Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance Committee

Kanetha Stephens made a motion to Approve the April 2025 Financials.
Lisa Bentley-Whieldon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Shameka Smith made a motion to Amend the 24/25 Budget as presented by the CFO.
Kanetha Stephens seconded the motion.
FY25 budget being amended to more closely reflect the budget vs actuals (increase FC revenue and decrease some of the previously projected expenses)
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

- Sale of property underway; working with FC to get the title released and finalize sale.

B. Governance Committee

Board succession planning (3 prospective candidates in attendance)

- Bernadette Mitchell- ELA Dept chair at KIPP, 9 years in education,
- Jade Rutland- attorney for 13 years w/EPA, leadership experience managing 13 attorneys for 3 years, parent of rising 8th grader @ West side ATL charter school

- Yvonne King-Dixon- marriage and family therapist for 4.5 years, banking prior for 14 years; experience doing audits (both financial and training gaps); HOA VP, policy and issues subcommittee for Gwinnett county democrats,

Please update training hours!

C. Academic and School Performance Committee

- Thank you from Faculty and Staff for Teacher's appreciation week breakfast from the board

III. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

- TMSA will be sending out a summer enrichment packet to remain academically-focused
- State Charter School Commission recommending a 5-year renewal to the state board of education; BOE committee meeting on 6/11 and BOE meeting on 6/12
- US DOE updates: no pause on funding for Title 1 IDEA or other grants as of now
- eRate funding (internet & network): awarded $21,940 reimbursement for FY26
- Teacher Retirement system attestation audit FY24- no findings
- Upcoming
    - Student & Family handbook in July
    - FY26 school budget estimated in July
    - Policy updates

B. Principal's Report

- EOY highlights(teacher's appreciation, principal's week, field day/spring fling, 8th grade events)
- Climate survey results:
    - Students: opportunities to increase student engagement and feedback in the classroom, strength in relationship between students and staff; need to strengthen student trust and staff accessibility; while many on not impacted by bullying the perception is still high signaling ongoing need to support the whole child
    - Family: families feel well informed, however responsiveness of leadership fell
    - Teachers: feedback shows a positive perception of leadership, high job satisfaction, teachers need better connections of prof dev days to strategic goals/school improvement plan
    - Staff: largely aligned with teacher responses; affirm a positive school climate exist beyond the classroom

- Low take rate by students/families resulted in 1pt impact to TMSA CCRPI

IV. President's Report

A. Updates from the Governing Board Chair

- Special called meeting either 6/9 or 6/10 to vote new members, officer roles and committee chairs

V. New Business

A. Executive Session

Shameka Smith made a motion to Motion to move to executive session.
Kanetha Stephens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Shameka Smith made a motion to approve Executive Director contract for FY 25/26.
Kanetha Stephens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chanel Recasner

Documents used during the meeting

- April 2025 Financial Statements.pdf
- TMSA ED Board Presentation 5-27-25.pdf