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CHARTER SCHOOL

MPTCS Board of
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Marion P. Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

July 26, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET

Zoom:

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:19

A. The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (“Act”) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the MPTCS website, in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger in July 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

A. The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x		Julio Valdivieso	x	
Dashay Carter	x		Allan Boomer		X (proxy)
Jason Denard	x		LaSonya Nevius	x	
Briana Gilchrist		X (proxy)			
Dr. Princess Towe		X (proxy)			

Non-Voting Board Members Present

Elijah Griffiths (Interim Board Secretary/Administrator)	Tina Jalloh(Board Attorney)
Bima Baje (Interim School Board Administrator)	



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3. BOARD MINUTES

A. Approval of Board Minutes July 26, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	X	X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard		X				LaSonya Nevius	XX	X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

Discussion - Julio - suggest we approve minutes offline

B. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda July 26, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	X	X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	XX	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									



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4. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

5. 2021-07-28-AA: Approval of the Board Secretary Report

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

6. 2021-07-28-A: Approval of July Bill List & June Treasurer's Report

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	xx	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

julio / summary and reimbursements

A. 2021-07-28-B: New Hires, Resignations, LOA, Voluntary Trans. & Summer Enrich. Staff 21-22

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			



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Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Julio / summary - dashay/ its personnel

B. 2021-07-26-C: PAC Emergency Building Repair

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	xx	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Julio / project no even estimated completion date. Did not see in the contract either. That's my only concern

C. 2021-07-26-D: Essex Regional Educational Svcs. Commission Transportation Services 21-22 SY / amend vote to Approve subject Attorney's approval on terms in best interest of MPTCS discretion review

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius	xx				
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Discussion: Julio / anybody have experience/reference with this company? Jasonn/ yes they primary vendor for all Essex county school districts. Often referred to "As The Commission". Julio/ to Jalloh - have you had the time to review this contract?



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D. 2021-06-28-E: School Business Administrator SY 21-22: A. Pfalzgraf

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	xx	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard x	x	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

E. 2021-07-26-F: Behavior/Educational Services 21-22 SY - Brett Dinovi & Associates

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	xx	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius	x	x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

F. 2021-07-26-G: New Jersey Public Charter School Association 21-22 SY Membership Fees

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	xx	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			



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Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

G. 2021-07-26-H: CSA Hiring Authority during Summer Months 21-22 SY

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	xx	x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

H. 2021-07-26-I: CCL Therapy, LLC - Occupational Therapy & Evaluative Services for 21-22 SY / review attorney review and negotiate better terms in discretion

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	xx	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	x	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - No Speakers registered/present

7. CLOSED SESSION -



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7. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:

Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the village. Thank you Dr. Tannis for your leadership and stewardship thus far -- again, welcome our New CSA, Angela Mincy. Have a great evening!

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN 7: 39 PM ET

Respectfully submitted at: 7/26/2021

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths