



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

July 6, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET

Zoom:

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:06**

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 - Delayed
Jason Denard	X		LaSonya Nevius		
Briana Gilchrist	X				
Dr. Princess Towe	X				

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 June 28, 2021**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda July 6, 2021**

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

Discussion - Rouse to Bima, we will be doing the presentation of the budget to allow trustee Boomer to get in. We will push to the resolutions portion of the agenda.

Motion to amend agenda -



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**4. CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

**5. Finance Report**

**APPROVE the Interim SBA Finance Report: MPTCS Budget**

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

**APPROVE the Interim BSA/Finance Report: July Bill List**

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 -**

- Boomer - my only question is I see there is line items for various rent but 0 dollars listed. What is the status or Rent?
  - Bima - included bills from missed last board meeting - additional vendor bills to be approved during next board meeting
- Boomer - Shiftview Consulting - which vendor? Bima confirms this is interim HR



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**6. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. ESA Contract Renewal 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			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

Discussion -

-Denard - outsourcing CST work as the district does

- not have the capacity. This a new company? (Julio) -- Tannis, was being utilized in the prior 20-21 SY. SPED team/each school leader asked to provide updates and notes/actions on what's needed foundationally for the successful launch of the 21-22 SY.

**B. New Hires, Resignations, LOA and Additional Summer Enrichment 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					
Jason Denard	XX	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

Discussion -

Denard - was really good to be apart of the interviews. Happy to see that we're moving forward in this direction. Kudos to the team for putting the candidates in front of the board.



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Julio - what are the exciting characteristics about the new high school principal? Denard shares coming with a clear vision of what the high school could look like... taking it to the next level as the school has been around for 5 years, how to carry out new initiatives in the building.

**C. Board Secretary/Administrator Services 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					
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe	xx	x									

**Discussion -**

Valdivieso - will the term end with the appointment/hiring of a SBA or will the plan be for a temp perm 1-year contract? Rouse shares the plan is for a 1 year appointment for the administrator so the SBA can focus. Interim Title to be included - is there a right to terminate early, and is this in the contract? I do think it is a good idea for the Board Secretary to be separated from the SBA duties - in agreement for a year.

Dashay - we have Interim BS for 1-year - separating Board Secretary from the SBA role. If the board hires for a permanent SBA position, is there space.

Motion to Amend Contract - to add clause with the language Attorney Jalloh - pass resolution to resolution with additional clause with notice <share contract with Jalloh and ask for updated Language>- Motion, Julio - Denard Seconing -

**D. Atalian Cleaning Services 21-22 SY**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer				x	



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Jason Denard	x	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe	xx	x									

Discussion - Valdivieso - can someone share on company? Jalloh, company won bid during COVID times and have been great since then.

Boomer - is this business minority owned? Shouldn't always be contingent upon lowest bid but on who provides the best service in addition to taking in account minority-owned/women-owned. Tannis to weigh-in → Company is not minority/women-owned. This is a global service provider. Moving forward with this contract does not stop the board from cascading an additional RFP to ensure all items on checklist match the criteria for a vendor. There was an overall satisfaction expressed from Village members in the company. Most companies increased their rate for th next year including Atalian however, they have agreed to keep the same rate flat (as 20-21) for 1 additional year for 21-22.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT - No Speakers registered/present**

**7. CLOSED SESSION -**

- Motion - Dr. Towe, 2nd Ms. Nevius
  - Notes
    - Rouse
      - Want to ensure we're moving forward together on 1-accord. Would like to use this time to entourage the board to move forward together. We have some who were with us in the beginning who have made a decision to no longer work with us as Trustees. The reality is that there are some that have left who are not so happy. We must monitor our communication(s) & that we do not allow external parties and others to negatively impact how we support the village and our new CSA. We still do not have everything from BRICK from the Transition, this is a high-priority of the board to resolve. Dr. Tannis will stay on to support Mincy and the village as needed.
        - Valdivieso - what has brick not turned over?
          - Rouse - a list is being developed and will be shared by the end of this week (week of 7/12). Including lots of physical paper files which need to be located.



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- Last two meetings have been running very smoothly - even when we disagree, smooth operations.
- Gilchrist - quickly add on to Rouse re: confidentiality. Insight to lots of information (salaries, personal information, etc) - to be sensitive. Would like to review the policy on what happens when a board member shares confidential information externally
  - Jalloh - we do have a confidentiality policy and will take a deep-look and circle back

### **7. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:** carter/denard

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. A newsletter with more information and next steps will be circulated in the coming days. Have a great evening!

### **8. MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:45 PM ET**

**Respectfully submitted at:** 7/6/2021

**Submitted by:** Elijah D. Griffiths