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

June 7, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:10**

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 June 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	
Jason Denard		X (proxy)			
Briana Gilchrist	X				
Michelle Jones		X (proxy)			
Tia Morris		X (proxy)			
Dr. Princess Towe	X				

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Elijah Griffiths (Interim Board Secretary/Administrator)	Tina Jalloh (Board Attorney)



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**3. BOARD MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Board Minutes May 24, 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									
Briana Gilchrist	X	X									
Michelle Jones		X									
Tia Morris		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

**B. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda June 7, 2021**

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		X									
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Michelle Jones		X									
Tia Morris					X						
Dr. Princess Towe		X									



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**4. CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

- Thank the MPTCS BOT for your hard work and dedication as we continue to move forward, expanding our borders.
- Special thanks to our Interim CSA, Dr. Lynette Tannis and Interim HR Director
- LaSonya Nevius - Parent Representative, elect to be sworn in at 6/28 MPTCS BOT meeting

**5. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. APPROVE the Resolution for MPTCS Summer School Program and Staff**

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									
Briana Gilchrist	x	x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris											
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

**B. APPROVE The Resolution for the MPTCS 2021-2022 Organization Chart**

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		x									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									



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Dr. Princess Towe		x									
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**C. Resolution for Equity Pay Adjustment - A. Avery**

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									
Briana Gilchrist	x	x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

**D. Resolution to Approve Interim School Business Administrator, contractor ( to serve as Interim SBA, contractor at a full-time capacity at \$750/day with guaranteed 90-days)**

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									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe	x	x									



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**E. Resolution for Salary Correction - D. Ferguson**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x	x				Julio Valdiviesox		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

**F. Finance Consultant <Pulled from Agenda, approved at 5/24 BOT meeting>**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse						Julio Valdiviesox					
Dashay Carter						Allan Boomer					
Jason Denard											
Briana Gilchrist	X										
Michelle Jones											
Tia Morris											
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**G. Resolution to Approve Payroll Manager/Benefits Coordinator, consultant role for \$35/hr.**

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							
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

- Discussion:
  - What will the rate be for the Payroll Manager/Benefits Coordinator?
    - Agreed upon rate of \$35.00/hr

**H. Resolution to Approve Vacation Carryover for SY 20-21**

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									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe *		x									



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**I. Resolution for NJSIG Grant Application - STEAM Security System**

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									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

**J. Resolution for Bamboo HR Services**

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									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									



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**K. Resolution to Approve June 2021 HS Field Trip - Gr. 12 Incentive Trip**

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									
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x									
Tia Morris		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

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

**7. CLOSED SESSION -**

- Interim SBA Salary/Rate
  - 160/hr
  - market quick research around \$725/day which is above current perspective/candidate
    - this rate is around \$345/k - how many hours will the interim SBA work?
  - end goal @ \$750/daily rate
  - <FOR OPEN SESSION> Resolution: to serve as Interim SBA at a full-time capacity at \$750/day at 90-days
- Payroll Consultant
  - Kyriema at \$40/hr but negotiable
    - BRICK paid \$62k/year
  - currently a BRICK consultant now doing MPTCS payroll
  - Would need Kyriema for systems reassurance for 7/1/2021





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- Kyriema is interested in applying for the full time Payroll role just approved in the org chart
  - The role will be paying approximately
- Friday Meeting - Mars Melish/Carriean/Bima - Before 3
  - 9:00 AM meeting - for Bima and Melish
  - Julio - to attend meeting and be on finance committee
  - Vice Chair Carter
  - And Mincy
- Motion open session

**7. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:**

- Briana/Alumni - our scholars have knocked the interview out of the parks for those receiving scholarships
- Dr. Tannis - Dates of Graduations
  - Monday, June 21 @ 10 AM - Steam (Rouse)
    - 2 PM - PAC
  - Tuesday, June 22 @ 10:30 AM - High School (Denard?)

Resolution interim SBA, guaranteed minimum of no, Julio , second brianna

Resolution Payroll Benefits and Business Consultant, \$35/hr?

Motion - Brianna

2nd - Julio

Motion to close, Dashay, Brianna second

**8. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**Submitted by:** Elijah D. Griffiths