



MPTCS Board of Trustees
Rev. Vincent Rouse | Chairman
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Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting
 March 1, 2021, 6:00 PM
 125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

Amended Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act 6:05

- 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 on 1/29/2021.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X		Tia Morris	X	
Briana Gilchrist	X		Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	
Michelle Jones	X		Reuel Matthew	X	
Aileen Dempsey	X				
Jason Denard	X		Crystal Uqdah	X	
Princess Towe	X		Altarik White	X	

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Chaleeta Hines (Chief School Admin)	Dominique Lee (Brick CEO)
Carrieann Zielinski (Board Secretary& BA)	Tina Jalloh(Board Attorney)

3. BOARD MINUTES

- a. Approval of Board Minutes January 25, 2021

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Lincoln Farquharson		X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones	2	X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

i. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	2	X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			



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ii. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda March 1, 2021

Tia Morris makes a motion to Amend : Public Commentary before Resolutions and then the Chairman update

Jason Second

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson			X			Tia Morris	X	X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)			X		
Michelle Jones			X			Reuel Matthew			X		
Aileen Dempsey			X								
Jason Denard	2	X				Crystal Uqdah			X		
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

Approval of Agenda

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	x				Tia Morris			x		
Briana Gilchrist		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Michelle Jones	2	x				Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x									
Jason Denard			x			Crystal Uqdah		x			
Altarik White			x			Princess Towe			x		

4. Chairman Update:

- a. Series of rules that are being imposed on the meeting this evening based on Robert's rules.
- b. Going over BRICK contract renewal.
- c. Passed to Brianna Gilchrist to go over the BRICK CMO Evaluation



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MPTCS-2021-38 Not Renew Current CMO Contract with BRICK

Board Chair moved to non renew BRICK's current CMO contract
Lincoln Farquharson Second

Jason Motion : Allows Public Participation/Comment before vote of non renewal of the current BRICK CMO Contract

Tia Second : Allow public comment prior to board vote

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson				X		Tia Morris	2	X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)				X	
Michelle Jones				X		Reuel Matthew				X	
Aileen Dempsey				X							
Jason Denard	X	X				Crystal Uqdah				X	
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

Revisiting the original motion to terminate the original contract with BRICK

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Board Chair Motion Lincoln Second

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Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris			X		
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard				X		Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White			X			Princess Towe			X		

5. APPROVE To Amend Resolution MPTCS-2021-15 Title 1 Family Engagement Policy to MPTCS-2021-15a



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Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

a. Remove/Approval of New Board Members

Remove Ms. Tyisha Kidd as a Board Member

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	2	X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

Approve Dashay Carter and Julio Valdivieso

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris				X	
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			



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Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

b. COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES

i. Alumni Committee: No Report

ii. Committee of the Whole: MPTCS 2021-32 through MPTCS-2021-36
Entertain Motion to package them together : Briana Second: Aileen

iii. MPTCS 2021-32 through MPTCS-2021-36

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Tia Morris			X		
Briana Gilchrist	x	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard				X		Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White				X		Princess Towe		X			
Julio						Dashay					

Vote for **MPTCS 2021-32 through MPTCS-2021-36**

MPTCS 2021-32 Resolution to Amend Articles of the Corporate Bylaws

MPTCS 2021-33 Resolution to Amend Article IX and Remove Article X of Corporate Bylaws

MPTCS 2021-34 Resolutions to Amend Article I, Article II, and Article VIII of the Corporate Bylaws

MPTCS 2021-35 Resolution to Amend Article IX of Corporate Bylaws

MPTCS 2021-36 Resolution to Amend Article X of Corporate Bylaws



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Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew	2	X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard				X		Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White			X			Princess Towe			X		

- iv. Culture Committee :
- v. Curriculum & Instruction Committee:
 1. Spoke about PowerSchool
 2. Gifted and Talented
 3. Amended Charter and School Days
- vi. Finance Committee:

Finance Committee : Resolution 2021-25 through MPTCS-2021-31

MPTCS 2021-25 Approval of December BSR

Aileen sponsor MPTCS-2021-31 Signature for MPTCS Bank Accounts

**Motion to package Finance Resolutions : Lincoln
Second: Jason**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	2	X				Crystal Uqdah		X			



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Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

Finance Committee Resolutions MPTCS-2021-25 through MPTCS-2021-31

MPTCS-2021-25 December BSR

MPTCS 2021-26 Approval of December Treasurer Report

MPTCS 2021-27 Approval of Revised Budget

MPTCS 2021-28 Approval of CAP as a result of the FY 20AMR

MPTCS 2021-29 Approve the 21-22SY PreK Budget

MPTCS 2021-30 Approve February Bill List

MPTCS 2021-31 Approve the Signature on the MPTCS Bank Accounts

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Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	X	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

vii. Operations Committee:

1. Meeting biweekly. Thank you to staff members for meeting with us to get an understanding of what is happening with the buildings for our students to return.
2. Evaluations

MPTCS 2021-37 Agreement with KSS Architecture: PAC Building Long Term Solution

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Briana Gilchrist	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

viii. Personnel Committee

MPTCS-2021-23 Motion to tell state SEHBP May 1 : Aileen Lincoln : Second

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	X	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			



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Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

MPTCS 2021-20 Resolution to Approve February New Hires, Vacancies, Leaves, Terminations

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Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	X	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

ix. Policy Review & Select Committee :

Policies to Approve all new Board Policies MPTCS 2021-39

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris				X	
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X									
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

Repeal Board Policies MPTCS-2021-40



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Briana Gilchrist		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x									
Jason Denard	2	x				Crystal Uqdah		x			
Altarik White		x				Princess Towe		x			

1. School Culture Committee: We need a parent. Spoke with the CSA and the VP of Culture; but moving forward we need a parent.

Swear in the New Board Members: Dashay Carter & Julio





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6. Legal Updates: No Comment

7. Public Comment

Pramod Shankar :

Yolanda Floyd:

Steve Sandor

Jessica Tsvang

Cassandra Johnson Torres

Ryan Heisinger

Adeel Ahmed

Max Valcourt

Ziyadah Wright

Angela Mcdermott

Kurvan Rankin

Tashia Martin

Doyal Siddell

Taalib Brown

Michelle Saunders

Shantaya Lewis

Shonda Davis

Rani Soto

Nkita Cuffie

Ana Munoz

Danielle Walker

LaSonya Nevius

- 8.** Closing Remarks: Thank you so much for everyone who gave remarks. Thank you to the board for listening. This charts us on a great course moving forward. We are now getting feedback that the board can now take into consideration. This has not been done in times prior. Another board meeting on March 22. Hopefully we will get the same 250 people at that meeting. We need to continue to make sure our scholars are first.

Transition Committee : MPTCS 2021-41

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris			X		
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard				X		Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio Valdieso		X				Dashay Carter		X			

Management Agreement with Friends MPTCS-2021-42

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Tia Morris			X		
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard			X			Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White			X			Princess Towe		X			

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Julio		X				Dashay					X	
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Table the agreement : Motion Jason Second Altarik

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Briana Gilchrist			X			Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)			X		
Michelle Jones			X			Reuel Matthew			X		
Aileen Dempsey			X								
Jason Denard	X		X			Crystal Uqdah			X		
Altarik White	2		X			Princess Towe			X		
Julio			X			Dashay			X		

Public Relations with Nuview Communications MPTCS-2021-43

Amendment should say Current Contract

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Tia Morris			X		
Briana Gilchrist		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	X			
Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	2	X				Crystal Uqdah		X			
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			
Julio		X				Dashay				X	

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent



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Michelle Jones		X				Reuel Matthew		x			
Aileen Dempsey		X									
Jason Denard	2	x				Crystal Uqdah		x			
Altarik White		x				Princess Towe		x			
Julio		x				Dashay		x			

Respectfully submitted at: 3/1/2021

Submitted by: Carriann Zielinski