



**MPTCS Board of Trustees**  
**Rev. Vincent Rouse | Chairman**  
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**Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 January 25, 2021 6:00 PM  
 125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

**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 on 7/30/2020.

**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 ( Came Late)			
Aileen Dempsey		X ( Came Late)	Rev. Ronald Slaughter	X	
Jason Denard	X		Crystal Uqdah		X
Reuel Matthew	X				

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

**3) BOARD MINUTES**

**A)** Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from December 21 , 2020

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

\*\*Aileen Joined the Board Meeting

**4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA**

**A) Approval of the Board Agenda for January 25, 2021 Board Meeting.**

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						
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Reuel Matthew	2	X									



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Motion to Accept Altarik White and Princess Towe as a new Board Member :

● **Michelle Jones joined the meeting**

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Tia Morris		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Michelle Jones		X									
Aileen Dempsey		x				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	X	x			
Jason Denard	2	x				Crystal Uqdah					x
Reuel Matthew		x									

**Vote to Amend the Agenda for January 25, 2021:** Amended to reflect the following changed to Personnel Committee: Add MPTCS-2021-12; MPTCS-2021-13; MPTCS-2021-14

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

**5) SCHOOL UPDATE**

**A) Enrollment Update:**

- i) Program Update: See Attachment Chaleeta Hines**
- ii) CEO Update: Dominique Lee**

**B) COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES**



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**i) Finance Report :**

- (1) Report was given by Nora Galleros for the Audit Results of FY20
- (2) Presentation was previously given to Finance Committee
- (3) Presented Highlights to the entire board

**MPTCS-2021-04 Approve January Bill List**

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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

**MPTCS-2021-05 Approve November Board Secretary Report**

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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			



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**MPTCS-2021-06 Approve November Treasurer's Report**

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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

**MPTCS-2021-07 Approve Federally Funded Positions**

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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

**MPTCS-2021-08 Approve Revised Budget Based on October 15th Enrollment**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris		X			



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

**MPTCS-2021-09 Approve the CAFR and AMR for FY20 Audit**

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 Dempsy		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			

**MPTCS-2021-10 Approve Audit Synopsis**

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 Dempsy		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	2	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Altarik White		X				Princess Towe		X			



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**ii) Curriculum & Instruction Committee:**

**MPTCS-2021-10 Approve the Title 1 CAP**

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

**iii) Personnel Committee :**

- Lincoln Moved to Vote all Personnel Resolutions as a Block. Briana Seconded that Motion.

**MPTCS-2021-01 Approve the January Personnel Report**

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

**MPTCS-2021-02 Approve BEN Village Leadership Evaluation**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Tia Morris		X			



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

**MPTCS-2021-03 Approve to Participate under SHBP or SEHBP**

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

**MPTCS-2021-12 Approve to Participate under Domestic Partnership Coverage Under SEHBP**

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

**MPTCS-2021-13 Approve the Chapter 44 Sidebar Agreement**





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

**MPTCS-2021-14 Approve FFCRA Extension**

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

iv) Alumni Committee: There was a Level Up Conference on Saturday. Special Thank to Guidance Counselors, Teachers, Ms. Davis, & Mr. Mumford. Thank you for volunteering. Board wanted to publicly Thank You. 322 registrants in Sophomore class. Largest class to participate in the actual event. Most popular sessions were sessions that our board participated in. Session led by CSA, Hines, Brianna, Jason, and Lincoln. Alumni participated in the event as well. Thank you to alumni. Alumni scholarship will open February 15 until March 15th.

v) Culture Committee: No Report





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**6) CHAIRMAN UPDATE: V.ROUSE**

**A)** Thank you to all board members for all of your hard work. We want to provide the best education for them to receive. We are the governing body and we need to ensure that happens. Welcome again to our new board members. Your experience and all the great work you already do will help the village. Thank you to the High School Team and Thank you Jamilah. Excellent Job. Congratulations to all in the CSA Reports. Especially the young man Mr. Witherspoon. Congratulations to him and his family. Especially his mom! It is a lot to parent virtually. It is a new day of school. We appreciate all of our parents, teachers, and staff. We appreciate all of you! That is the report for this evening!

**7) PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees (“Board”) must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Please be aware that all charter school employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board

**8) MOTION TO Approve the Contract for the Consulting Contract MPTCS 2021-15**

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				Altarik White		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			

Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Reuel Matthew		X				Princess Towe		X			

**Restated to indicate what the motion is indeed for : To approve Swiftview 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			
Michelle Jones		X				Altarik White		X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Reuel Matthew		X				Princess Towe		X			

**9) MOTION TO Adjourn**

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				Altarik White		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter	X	X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					X
Reuel Matthew		X				Princess Towe		X			

**Respectfully submitted at:** 1/25/2021

**Submitted by:** Carriann Zielinski