



**MPTCS Board of Trustees**  
**Rev. Vincent Rouse | Chairman**  
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**Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
 December 21, 6:00 PM  
 125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

**1) CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act**

**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		Tyisha Kidd		X
Aileen Dempsey			Rev. Ronald Slaughter	X	
Jason Denard	X		Crystal Uqdah		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 Meeting Minutes from November 23 , 2020

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

**4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA**

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**A) Approval of the Board Agenda for December 21, 2020 Board Meeting.**

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	2	X				Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey					X	Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					

Motion to Accept Reuel Matthew as a new Board Member : Lincoln Farquharson  
Second : Michelle Jones

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				Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey					X	Pastor Ronald Slaughter				X	
Jason Denard		X				Crystal Uqdah					

Motion to Accept Altarik White : Tabled until next month  
Second :

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Lincoln Farquharson						Tia Morris					
Briana Gilchrist						Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)					
Michelle Jones						Tyisha Kidd					
Aileen Dempsey						Pastor Ronald Slaughter					
Jason Denard						Crystal Uqdah					

**5) SCHOOL UPDATE**

**A) Enrollment Update:**

**i) Program Update: See Attachment Chaleeta Hines**

**B) COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES**



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- i)** Finance Report : Carrieann Zielinski, SBA Audit is coming to a close and there will be a more detailed report on year end next month from auditors. Finance committee is recommending BSR, Treasurer, and Bill List for approval this month.
- ii)** Personnel Committee :
- iii)** Culture Committee: Excited to learn about the school. These committee meetings have been to receive facts to see where we have been going. No HIB cases to date. Looking to see why attendance is low and how are we going to address these issues.
- iv)** Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Chair Lincoln had stated the inefficiencies that he said he found during his “fact” finding during the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. Students are not at Brought up the roadblock that occurred when wanting to look at staff records. Pastor Slaughter on the record: Personnel and Academic Committee need to stay separate and cannot cross over that is a fine line. Board Chair spoke on scaffolding and how the committee should work with the CSA to get them on this level.
- v)** Legal Updates : No Legal Update
- vi)** Alumni Committee: Admission to
- vii)** Operations Committee: Operation conversation about making sure we are purchasing the right equipment at the right price and not settling what is easy. Cost benefit analysis to make sure we are using the right services/supplies. PowerSchool and making sure it is cost effective.
- viii)** Committee of the Whole: Met two Thursdays ago to look at Bylaws. Amended two sections of the bylaws.



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

**A)** Children must get the best education possible. We may be at a crossroads, but the children are at the forefront of everything we do. We need to build off what we do and create that legacy. Move forward with power and together for our children.

**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 ADJOURN**

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

**Respectfully submitted at:** 12/21/2020  
**Submitted by:** Carrieann Zielinski

