

Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

August 24, 2020 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
Nichelle Bowes	x		Tia Morris		x
Lincoln Farquharson	x		Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	x	
Briana Gilchrist	x		Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x
Michelle Jones	xx		Tyisha Kidd	x	
Aileen Dempsey	x		Rev. Ronald Slaughter		x

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Chaleeta Hines (Int 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 August 10 , 2020 Board Meeting. [Attachment 0-A](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	x	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	2	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					

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4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA

A) Approval of the Board Agenda for August 24, 2020 Board Meeting. [Attachment 1-A](#)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

5) SCHOOL UPDATE

A) Enrollment Update: Enrollment : 1475

i) Program Update: [See Attachment](#) Chaleeta Hines

Suggestions:

(1) Lincoln (Board Member) : Drop in or a safe place to have relief from home.

(a) Social work on call for the students

(b) Utilize the gym for Zumba to get students out of the house

(2) Nichelle

(a) SEL serving our students: Concern: What is a safe way we can serve them and maintain social distance

(i) Chaleeta Hines : Tashia Martin has been working very hard on advisory and the SEL and Wellness piece.

B) COMMITTEE UPDATES

i) Finance Committee : [Attachment II](#) Carrieann Zielinski, SBA

ii) Personnel Committee See Attachment: [Attachment III-C](#)

iii) Academic Committee: Nichelle Bowes: No report

iv) Legal Updates : No report

v) Alumni Committee: B. Gilchrist : Group of Interns will be ending this week. Alumni page.

vi) Parent Report: T. Kidd: No report

C)



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6) MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL/RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions :

Resolution 824-20-1 through 4 : The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the following resolutions brought forth by the Finance Committee:

- 824-20-1 May & June Board Secretary Report
- 824-20-2 May & June Treasurer Report
- 824-20-3 August Bill List : \$2,355,146.57
- 824-20-4 Industrial Bank Account : Remove Gregory Collins; Add Priscilla Everhart
- 824-20-4a : TD Bank Account : Remove Gregory Collins; Add Priscilla Everhart

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Nichelle Bowes		X				Tia Morris					X
Lincoln Farquharson	2	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist	X	X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X			
Michelle Jones		X				Tyisha Kidd		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

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Resolution 824-20-5 through 824-20-8

2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School hereby approved the following resolutions brought forth by the personnel committee:

- 824-20-5 : new hires, update on vacancies, leaves, workman’s compensation & incident reports, and terminations for the 2020-2022 School Year.
- 824-20-6 : 20-21 Physicians Contract
- **824-20-7: 20-21 Employee Handbook (Pulled)**
- 824-20-8 : 20-21 Evaluation Handbook

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Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

Resolution 824-20-9

The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves Carrieann Zielinski, SBA as the Purchase Agent for a 1 year Term with a Bid Threshold of \$44,000.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	X	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

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Resolution 824-20-10

The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the E-Rate Contract for the 20-21 SY.

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Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

Resolution 824-20-11

The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the affirmed Atalian Contract for Custodial Services for the 20-21 SY.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	x	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	2	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			
Michelle Jones		x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

7) CHAIRMAN UPDATE: V.ROUSE

A) Thank you to everyone and especially to our Chief School Administrator

8) 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

9) MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND ENTER CLOSED SESSION:

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	X	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		x			

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Michelle Jones						Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

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Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	X	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					x
Michelle Jones						Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

11) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes	2	x				Tia Morris					x
Lincoln Farquharson		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					x
Michelle Jones					x	Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

Respectfully submitted at: 8/24/20

Submitted by: Carrieann Zielinski