



**marion p thomas**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
March 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM  
125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103  
Zoom: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID #662 881506

**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.

**2) ROLL CALL**

A) The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Nichelle Bowes			Tia Morris	X	
Lincoln Farquharson	X		Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)	X	
Briana Gilchrist	X		Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)	X	
Michelle Jones	X		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)
Carriann Zielinski (Board Secretary & BA)	Bernice Jallloh (Board Attorney)

**3) BOARD MINUTES**

A) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2020 Board Meeting.

[Attachment III-A](#)

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

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Aileen Dempsy		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter						X
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**4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA**

A) Approval of the Board Agenda for March 30, 2020 Board Meeting.

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

**5) SCHOOL UPDATE**

- A) Enrollment Update: Enrollment : 1475
- B) Program Update: See Attachment Chaleeta Hines
- C) Facilities Update: See Attachment : [Attachment V-B](#) ; [Attachment V-C](#) Shavon Harris

**6) COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- A) Finance Committee : See Attachment: [Attachment VI-A](#) Carrieann Zielinski, SBA & Gregory Collins,CFO
- B) Personnel Committee See Attachment: **Attachment VI-B** Mindy Weidman
- C) Academic Committee M. Jones & Nichelle Bowes : Report
  - i) Talked about never being in a Pandemic before. Michelle spoke about being a teacher and what it is like. She is a special education teacher. She must troubleshoot all the time and have meetings with parents. The day is very long and goes into the evening. I Know the parents are doing the best they can. Making sure all the students who are not engaged are engaged. Focusing on students with special needs and making sure their needs are met. We need to figure out what the new normal is. Teachers are creating zoom sessions. Principals are creating town halls and we know it is not perfect and none of us know how to do this well and we are doing our best and figuring this out. Shoutout to Chaleeta for the report she gave.
- D) Legal Updates : T. Jalloh : No Report
- E) Alumni Committee: B. Gilchrist : Updates. Alumni engagement strategy. Resources for summer interns. With the pandemic not sure if they will be able to work. If they can apply for jobs she wants to have it up and running.

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**F) Parent Report: T. Kidd: No Report**

**7) PUBLIC COMMENT: Suspended by Board President**

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.



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**7) CHAIRMAN UPDATE : V Rouse**

**8) MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND ENTER CLOSED SESSION:**

N/A

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

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

N/A

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes						Tia Morris					
Lincoln Farquharson						Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)					
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**10) MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL/RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions :

**Personnel Committee : Resolution 3-20-1**

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

**Finance Committee :**

- [Resolution 3-20-2 Board Secretary Report](#)
- [3-20-3 Treasurer Report](#)
- [3-20-4 March Bill List](#)
- [3-20-5 Purchasing Manual](#)
- [30-20-5a Revised Budget 19-20](#)

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

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**\*\* Other Resolutions**

3-20-6 Marion P Thomas Board approves the DWC Security Contract : [Resolution 3-20-6  
DWC Security Contract](#)

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Nichelle Bowes		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	2	x				Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey		x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

3-20-7 Marion P Thomas Board approves the MPTCS Calendar: [Resolution 3-20-7 School  
Calendar](#)

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

3-20-8 Marion P Thomas Board approves the solicitation of a cost reimbursable Food Service Management Contract Request for Proposal 2020-21: [Resolution 3-20-8](#)

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

3-20-9 Marion P Thomas Board approves to enter into an interlocal sales agreement with Hudson County Educational Commission for the purpose of selling the 2 buses: [Resolution 3-20-9](#)

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

3-20-10 Marion P Thomas Board approves accepting the 1,000,000 line of credit from Industrial Bank: [Resolution 3-20-10](#)

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

Respectfully submitted at: 3/30/2020

Submitted by: Carrieann Zielinski



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