



**MAEF Public Charter Schools
dba ACCEL Day and Evening Academy**
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, October 26, 2023
8:30 AM

MINUTES

Members present: Charlotte Greene, Jordan Jones, Ebony Milton, Henry O'Connor, Richard Perry, Mark Spivey, Ronnie Stallworth, Sarah Stashak, Denisha Triplett and Kim Wiggins

Members absent: Lance Covan and Rob McGinley

Staff present: Marlon Firle, Joy Gould, Victoria Lambert, Erica Massey, Diana Nelson, Loretta Hudson, Martha Clark, Jeremiah Newell, Michelle Parson, Janice Rivers and Treba Young

Guest present: Nash Campbell (Board Attorney), Don Payne (AEA), Julia Nixon (AEA) and Teresa Townsend (AEA)

Chair, Jordan Jones

- Called the meeting to order at 8:33am

Charlotte Greene

- Opening Prayer

Nash Campbell

- Board member roll call

Executive Session:

The MAEF Public Charter Schools Board of Directors entered Executive Session on October 26, 2023 at 8:35am on a motion by Mark Spivey, seconded by Charlotte Greene. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote and all present voted yea.

Members present: Jordan Jones (Chair)-yea, Charlotte Greene-yea, Ebony Milton-yea, Henry O'Connor-yea, Richard Perry-yea, Mark Spivey-yea, Ronnie Stallworth-yea, Sarah Stashak-yea, Denisha Triplett-yea and Kim Wiggins-yea.

Nash Campbell, Board Attorney declared that discussion of good name and character is an acceptable reason to enter executive session pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings Act as amended.

The Board returned to open session at: 9:00am.

Chair, Jordan Jones

Jordan thanked the board members and staff for all that they do to help make our school successful. A lot of hours are spent helping this organization. We should always remember that our focus is on students and families.

Approval of Superintendent Contract

ACTION ITEM #1- Jordan Jones made a motion to approve the 2024 Superintendent Contract.

Henry O'Connor seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

Approval of Franklin Primary Health Center Memorandum of Understanding

ACTION ITEM #2- Jordan Jones made a motion to approve the Franklin Primary Health Center Memorandum of Understanding.

Charlotte Greene seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

Approval of Genesis Counseling and Consulting Services. LLC Memorandum of Understanding

ACTION ITEM #3- Jordan Jones made a motion to approve the Genesis Counseling and Consulting Services, LLC Memorandum of Understanding subject to final attorney review.

Kim Wiggins seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

Approval to suspend the rules.

ACTION ITEM #4- Jordan Jones made a motion to suspend the rules.

Denisha Triplett seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

Approval to add the September 14, 2023 Board of Director Meeting Minutes to current agenda.

ACTION ITEM #5- Jordan Jones made a motion to add the September 14, 2023 Board of Director Meeting Minutes to the current agenda.

Charlotte Greene seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION ITEM #6- Jordan Jones made a motion to approve the September 14, 2023 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Ronnie Stallworth seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

MAEF PCS Employee Appointments

ACTION ITEM #7- Jordan Jones asked for a motion to approve the Employee Appointments recommended by Dr. Firle as listed under separate cover.

Charlotte Greene made the motion; Henry O'Connor seconded the motion. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote: Jordan Jones (Chair)-approved, Charlotte Greene-approved, Ebony Milton-approved, Henry O'Connor-approved, Richard Perry-approved, Mark Spivey-approved, Ronnie Stallworth-approved, Sarah Stashak-approved, Denisha Triplett-approved, Kim Wiggins-approved and the motion was passed with an 10-0 vote.

School Leaders Report:

Joy Gould-Principal

- ***Employee Introductions***
- ***Student Introductions***

- College and Career Fair
- Friday School
- Professional Development Update
- Pre- ACT
- Work Key Assessment
- Parent Meetings
- End of First Quarter
- Middle School Charter Breakfast
- Coffee with a Counselor
- Career and Workforce Committee Meetings
- Communications and Marketing- Recorded first podcast.
- Sports update

Marlon Firle-Superintendent

“Don’t be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”

- Enrollment/ADA
- Proficiency Comparison
- 23-24 Cohort Update- ACCEL Graduation May 15, 2024 @ 6:00pm
 - 24-25 Update
- Job Shadowing/Dual Enrollment Update
- Mentoring
 - Purpose
 - Speaker Sign UP
- Transportation Update

Jordan Jones

- NWEA Performance will be discussed in depth at the upcoming MAEF PCS/ACCEL Board of Directors Meeting on November 30, 2023.
- Please review the updated ACCEL Board Committee Assignments- (Academic, Governance, Finance, Marketing/Fundraising and Career/Workforce)

Committee Updates:

Financial Report, Mark Spivey

- Mark Spivey reviewed the September 2023 Financials with the board and answered questions.
- Jordan Jones- We have engaged a skilled professional in finance and budgeting.

Governance, Henry O'Connor

- Working on third party contracts.
- Will revisit the Bylaws of the organization.

Career & Workforce, Richard Perry

- Understand how we can connect better with the workforce.
- Give our scholars the opportunity and exposure to ensure they get a quality education.

Academic Excellence, Jordan Jones

- Employee open positions
- Dr. Firle and Ms. Gould are focused on finding experienced personnel for the open positions.

Jordan Jones

- We submitted a 4.5 million grant proposal to the state. Award notification is approximately 6 weeks.

MAEF Update: Jeremiah Newell

- Carolyn Akers officially retired on September 30th.
- Launched the Mobile Area Youth Employment and Success (MAYES) Workforce Center (Ages 18-24)
- Launched New Website
- Full-Service Community Schools Grant Update
- MAEF's Impact Event Honoring Carolyn Akers-January 11th @ 5pm-7pm
- MAEF will be moving into a new temporary space-Hope to be in new space by January 2024

Jordan Jones- I encourage everyone to come spend time with Dr. Firle and tour the school.

With there being no further business Jordan Jones adjourned the MAEF Public Charter Schools board meeting at 9:53am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlotte Greene
ACCEL Board Secretary



Janice Rivers
MAEF Staff