



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

**Thursday, April 23, 2026
8:30 AM**

MINUTES

Members present: Charlotte Greene, Jordan Jones, Elizabeth Nelson Burson, Henry O' Connor, Richard Perry, Mark Spivey, Ebony Smith, Denisha Triplett

Members absent: Sarah Stashak and Kim Wiggins

Staff present: Nathan Adams, Vinson Bradley, Marlon Firle, Joy Gould, Erica Massey, Jeremiah Newell, Jason Herring, Michelle Parson, Shenee Smith and Janice Rivers

Guest present: Nash Campbell and Stan Akers

Chair, Jordan Jones

- Called the meeting to order at 8:33 am
- The Board Chair thanked board members, staff, teachers, and volunteers for their commitment to ACCEL Academy.

Nash Campbell

- Roll Call

Charlotte Greene

- Prayer

Facility / Gym Construction Update

- Stan Akers provided an update on the gym construction project.

Student and Parent Testimonials

- Ms. Gould introduced Middle School Parents & Students
- Dr. Bradley introduced High School Parents & Students

Executive Session:

The MAEF Public Charter Schools Board of Directors entered Executive Session on April 23, 2026 at 8:59am on a motion by Denisha Triplett, seconded by Henry O'Connor. Nash Campbell did a member roll call vote, and all present voted 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 9:13am.

Board Minutes

ACTION ITEM #1- Jordan Jones requested a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

There being no corrections, Richard Perry made a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Charlotte Greene seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Personnel Items

ACTION ITEM #2- Jordan Jones requested a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as listed under separate cover.

There being no corrections, Richard Perry made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations. Charlotte Greene seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Executive Contract

ACTION ITEM #3- Jordan Jones requested a motion to approve the Executive Contract as listed under separate cover.

There being no corrections, Henry O'Connor made a motion to approve the Executive Contract. Richard Perry seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

School Leaders Report

Quote: A successful person finds the right place for himself. But a successful leader finds the right place for others.

Dr. Firle emphasized the importance of leadership focused on organizational improvement and ensuring every student experiences success and support at ACCEL Academy.

- The school's mission remains centered on individual student success and personalized learning.
- The goal is for every student and family to have a positive experience similar to those shared during public comments.
- Leadership development and accountability will continue to focus on meeting established standards across the organization.
- Middle School Performance Dashboard-4th Quarter 2025-26
- High School Performance Dashboard-4th Quarter 2025-26
- Night School (MS) Performance Dashboard-4th Quarter 2025-26
- Night School (HS) Performance Dashboard-4th Quarter 2025-26
- Network Performance Dashboard-4th Quarter 2025-26
- Fundamental Focus
- Enrollment
- Graduation Update
- Marketing
- Summer School
- IXL MS
- IXL Explanation
- IXL HS
- HS Update

Academic Performance Update

Dr. Firle presented preliminary ACT results.

Board discussion focused on the importance of ACT performance as an indicator of college readiness, career readiness, workplace skills, and military advancement opportunities.

ACAP/MAP Data Review

Administration reviewed academic performance trends and discussed:

- Reducing the percentage of students performing at Level 1.
- Increasing the percentage of students performing at Levels 3 and 4.
- Continued efforts to personalize instruction and support academic growth for all students.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time
Middle School Crossover Ceremony	May 7	9:00 AM
Graduation Ceremony	May 14	6:00 PM

Enrollment Report

- Current enrollment is approximately **1,025 students**.
- Strong student retention rates, exceeding **95%**.
- Increased demand and continued interest from prospective families.
- Student departures are primarily associated with opportunities to participate in football programs unavailable at Excel Academy. **Student Wellness Initiative**

Dr. Firle introduced a proposed student wellness initiative for the upcoming school year.

The initiative would provide:

- Vision screenings
- Hearing screenings
- General health assessments
- School-wide health fairs

The goal is to identify health concerns that may impact academic performance and provide students with needed support services.

Summer Programs

Administration reviewed plans for summer programming, including:

- ACT preparation camps
- Literacy camps
- New student orientation programs
- Middle and high school transition activities

Summer programs will focus on academic readiness and successful school transitions.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Report

- Health Science
- Modern Manufacturing
- Welding
- Experiences
- Apprenticeships
- Career Exploration Activities

Students participated in:

- Career fairs
- Career Discovery Day at the National Maritime Museum
- Manufacturing industry tours
- Spring Hill College campus visits
- Alabama A&M University campus tours

Night School Update

- Current Cohort
- Progress Overview
- Action Steps
- Senior Portfolio Completion Update

Safety & Transportation Update

Financial Report-Michelle Parson

Michelle Parson reviewed the March 2026 monthly financial reports, including operating revenues, expenditures, construction costs, and projected year-end cash flow.

The Board reviewed cash flow projections and budget performance.

Marketing and Branding Update

- A new marketing commercial has been completed and will be distributed through television and social media platforms.
- Athletic branding, logos, gym graphics, and facility design elements have been finalized for the new athletic facilities.

MAEF Strategic Update

Dr. Newell provided an update on MAEF initiatives.

- Ongoing development of a five-year strategic plan.
- Expansion of charter support services to six charter and city school systems.
- Workforce Development Center achievements, including:
 - 130 students completing workforce programs.
 - 97% placement rates.
- Coordination of countywide internship programs in partnership with local organizations.
- Growth of community partnership initiatives supporting youth success.

Dr. Newell also discussed state and federal charter school developments, including:

- New charter school bonding authority legislation.
- Continued support for charter school expansion grants.
- Positive outlook for charter school growth within Alabama.

With no further business, Jordan Jones adjourned the MAEF Public Charter Schools board meeting at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlotte Greene
ACCEL Board Secretary



Janice Rivers
MAEF Staff