



**marion p thomas**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
April 27, 2020 at 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.

**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		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 Jalloh (Board Attorney)

**3) BOARD MINUTES**

A) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from March 30, 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				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)	X	X			
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd	2	X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

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**4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA**

A) Approval of the Board Agenda for April 27, 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		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

**5) SCHOOL UPDATE**

- A) Enrollment Update: Enrollment : 1475
- B) Program Update: See Attachment Chaleeta Hines

**6) COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- A) Finance Committee : See Attachment: [Attachment II-B](#) Carrieann Zielinski, SBA & Gregory Collins,CFO
- B) Personnel Committee See Attachment: [Attachment III-C](#) Mindy Weidman
- C) Academic Committee M. Jones & Nichelle Bowes: Presented in the C.Hines Report
- D) Legal Updates : T. Jalloh :
- E) Alumni Committee: B. Gilchrist : Good News : A student from High School alumni she graduated from the Culinary Institute and now is moving onto Rutgers.
- F) Parent Report: T. Kidd: No Report



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**7) MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL/RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions :

**Personnel Committee : Resolution 4-20-1** : The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the following attached new hires, update on vacancies, leaves, workman’s compensation & incident reports, and terminations for the 2019-2020 School Year.

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	2	X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd		X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

**Finance Committee : Resolution 4-20-2 through 4-20-5b**

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2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the attached Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of MArch 2020. [Document B][3-20-3 Treasurer Report](#)
3. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the attached Board Secretary Report for the month of MArch 2020. [Document B][Resolution 4/27/20 Board Secretary Report](#)
4. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the attached Bills and Claims Report for the month of April 2020 for **\$2,473,866.43** [Document B] [4-27-20 March Bill List](#)
5. A) The Board of Trustees of Marion P Thomas Charter School approves to accept the revision of the Marion P. Thomas School Budget 4.8.20. [Document B][4-27-20 Revised Budget 19-20](#)  
  
B) The Board of Trustees of Marion P Thomas Charter School approves to accept the Marion P. Thomas School Budget Fiscal Year 20-21. [Document B][4-27-20 Budget Submitted to State 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				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			
Briana Gilchrist	X	X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd	2	X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

**\*\* Other Resolutions**

- 4-20-6 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the School Calendar SY 20-21. [School Calendar](#)

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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					X	Tyisha Kidd	X	X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

4-20-7 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Essex Regional Services Commission Transportation Services Agreement (1). [Document E]

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes	2	x				Tia Morris		x			

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<b>Lincoln Farquharson</b>		x				<b>Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)</b>		x			
<b>Briana Gilchrist</b>		x				<b>Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)</b>	X	x			
<b>Michelle Jones</b>					X	<b>Tyisha Kidd</b>		x			
<i>Aileen Dempsey</i>		x				<b>Rev. Ronald Slaughter</b>					X

4-20-8 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Electronic EFT Payment.  
[EFT Policy](#)

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

4-20-9 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Southward Promise Contract. [Southward Contract](#)

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

4-20-10 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Safety Grant.  
[Document H]

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Nichelle Bowes		X				<b>Tia Morris</b>		X			
<b>Lincoln Farquharson</b>		X				<b>Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)</b>		X			

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<b>Briana Gilchrist</b>	2	X				<b>Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)</b>		X			
<b>Michelle Jones</b>					X	<b>Tyisha Kidd</b>	X	X			
<i>Aileen Dempsy</i>		X				<b>Rev. Ronald Slaughter</b>					X

4-20-11 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the PreK Budget 20-21 SY.  
[PreK Budget 20-21 SY](#)

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

4-20-12 The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Pandemic Crisis Plan.  
[Pandemic Crisis Plan](#)

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

4-20-13 The Board of Trustees of Marion P Thomas Charter School approves the Remote Related Services Plan

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		X				<b>Tia Morris</b>		X			
<b>Lincoln Farquharson</b>	X	X				<b>Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)</b>		X			

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Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd	X	X			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

4-20-14 The Board of Trustees of Marion P Thomas Charter School approves the BEN Homebound Learning Plan [\[Document L\]](#)

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		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X			
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd	X	X			
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

4-20-15 The Board of Trustees of Marion P Thomas Charter School approves to continue with current leadership, Chaleeta Hines, for next school year as Chief School Administrator.

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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			
Aileen Dempsey		X				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					X

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

A) Board President has agreed to keep Chaleeta Hines as the Chief School Administrator during these unprecedented time and to hold off on the search committee.

9) **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.

*Shaniqua Nesmith-* Asked about the grading. Said they want more options with the food. At the High School her son just started his zoom sessions after spring break. Not as much connectivity with the teachers and standardized testing. Wants to know what will be supplemented for the High School students moving forward. She couldn’t get on the internet for 2-3 weeks. Shavon Harris will follow up with additional options.

*Petal Andrews:* Delay in receiving chromebooks.



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Talisha Johnson: The food pickups are not set up for a lot of parents to get to. There aren't any times in the zoom schedules to go pick up. Wants summer school to be mandatory.

Denise Brichen: Chromebooks.

**10) MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND ENTER CLOSED 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)					
Briana Gilchrist						Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					
Michelle Jones						Tyisha Kidd					
Aileen Dempsey						Rev. Ronald Slaughter					

**11) MOTION TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND ENTER REGULAR SESSION: NA**

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)					
Briana Gilchrist						Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					
Michelle Jones						Tyisha Kidd					
Aileen Dempsey						Rev. Ronald Slaughter					

**12) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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		x				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)	2	x			
Michelle Jones					X	Tyisha Kidd		x			
Aileen Dempsey	X	x				Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x

**Respectfully submitted at:** 4/27/2020

**Submitted by:** Carrieann Zielinski

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