

**Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting**

October 26, 6:00 PM  
125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

**1) CALL TO ORDER 6:08 pm – 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
			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 ( 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 September 28 , 2020

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

**4) APPROVE THE BOARD AGENDA**

A) Approval of the Board Agenda for October 26, 2020 Board Meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson		X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			

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Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)	X	X			
Michelle Jones	2	X				Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter					X

**Board Training**

**5) SCHOOL UPDATE**

**A) Enrollment Update: Enrollment :**

**i) Program Update: See Attachment Chaleeta Hines**

**B) COMMITTEE/ Reports UPDATES**

**i) Finance Report : Carrieann Zielinski, SBA**

**ii) Personnel Committee :**

**iii) Discipline Committee:**

**iv) Academic Committee:**

**v) Legal Updates :**

**vi) Alumni Committee:**

**vii) Parent Report:**



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**6) MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL/RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions :

\*\* Pastor Slaughter came onto the meeting

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-1**

2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School **APPROVES to Format Corporate Bylaws, Board Resolutions, and Corporate Policies.**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		X			

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**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-2**

2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School APPROVES to **Amend Article V of Corporate Bylaws**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-3**

3.. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves to **Insert Article VI and Adjust Subsequent Article Titles of Corporate Bylaws**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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				Pastr Ronald Slaughter	X	x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-4**

4.. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves to **Amend Article VII of Corporate Bylaws**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	2	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					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		X			

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**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-5**

- 5.. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **the following committees:**
- a) Alumni Committee
  - b) Committee of the Whole
  - c) Curriculum and Instruction Committee
  - d) Executive Committee
  - e) Finance Committee
  - f) Operations Committee
  - g) Personnel Committee
  - h) School Culture Committee

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					X
Aileen Dempsey	2	X				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		X			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-6**

6. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the **Guidelines to all Board Committees:**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					x
Aileen Dempsey	2	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

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**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-7**

7. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the resolution to Empower the Executive Committee. **Remove Section C Article II**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes						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			Pastr Ronald Slaughter		X			

**Amended**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	2	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					x
Aileen Dempsey				x		Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-8**

8. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the resolution to empower the Personnel Committee:

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

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-9**

9. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the resolution to empower the Finance Committee :

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Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-10**

10. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the resolution to Empower the Committee of the Whole:

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					x
Aileen Dempsey	2	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-11**

11. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Repeal Select Corporate Policies and Guidelines:**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					x
Aileen Dempsey	2	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-12**

12. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Empower the Operations Committee:**

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Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-13**

13. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Empower the School Culture Committee:**

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

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-14**

14. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Repeal Select Corporate Policies and Guidelines:**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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
Aileen Dempsey	X	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			



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**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-15**

15. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Review all Current Policies and Guidelines:**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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
Aileen Dempsey	x	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-16**

16. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **ion to Repeal Select Corporate Policies and Guidelines:**

**\*\*TABLED then voted on**

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

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-17**

16. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Empower the Curriculum and Instruction Committee:**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					x
Aileen Dempsey	2	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

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Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	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	2	x				Tyisha Kidd					x
Aileen Dempsey	x	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-18**

16. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves **Resolution to Affirm Attendance and Participation within the Committees:**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						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					x
Aileen Dempsey	2	x				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-19 through 22:** The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the following resolutions brought forth by the Finance:

- 1026-20-19 September Board Secretary Report

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			

- 1026-20-20 September Treasurer Report

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	X				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		X			

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Briana Gilchrist		X				Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)		X			
Michelle Jones	2	X				Tyisha Kidd					X
Aileen Dempsey		X				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			

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- 1026-20-21 October Bill List : \$2,677,925.36
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Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	2	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					x
Aileen Dempsey		x				Pastor Ronald Slaughter				x	

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- 1026-20-22 Treasurer Proposal: C Lessard

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	2	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					
Aileen Dempsey				X		Pastor Ronald Slaughter				X	

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-23**

2. The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the Brett & Dinovi Behaviorist consultation agreement for the 20-21 SY.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	X	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				Pastr Ronald Slaughter		X			

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**Resolution 1026-20-24 & 1026-20-25**

- The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the **Essex Regional Educational Service Commission Agreement** for the following Services :

1026-20-24 : Child Study Team Services

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	x	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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			

1026-20-25 : Speech / Language Services

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	X	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				Pastor. Ronald Slaughter		X			

**Resolution MPTCS1026-20-26**

- The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the **Newark Board of Education MOU Newark Universal Enrollment System**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris	2	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					x
Aileen Dempsey				x		Pastor. Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution 1026-20-27**

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The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the **Carrier HVAC Service Maintenance 3 Year Plan**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		x			
Lincoln Farquharson	x	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				Pastor. Ronald Slaughter		x			

**Resolution 1026-20-28**

The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement for South 7th Street :

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
						Tia Morris		X			
Lincoln Farquharson	x	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				Pastor Ronald Slaughter		X			

**Resolution 1026-20-29**

The Board of Trustees of Marion P. Thomas Charter School approves THE TERMINATION OF AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRIENDS OF MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC AND THE FRIENDS OF MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL,

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

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**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: 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						Pastor Ronald Slaughter					

**10) 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)					
Briana Gilchrist						Khaatim Sherrer El (Vice Board)					
Michelle Jones						Tyisha Kidd					
Aileen Dempsey						Pastor . Ronald Slaughter					

**11) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes						Tia Morris		x			
Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse (Board Chair)		x			

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

**Respectfully submitted at:** 10/26/20

**Submitted by:** Carrieann Zielinski